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MINUTES

DUPLICATE

OF THE

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Three Forks Baptist Association,

OF NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD WITH

THE CHURCH AT MULBERRY,

August 30th and 31st, and September 1st, 1883.

COMPILED BY
D. C. HARMAN, Clerk, Sugar Grove, N. C.

RALEIGH:
EDWARDS, BROUGHTON & CO., STEAM PRINTERS AND BINDERS.
1883.

Ministers and Officers.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Asa Brown,
William H. Canter,
G. H. Church,
A. C. Farthing,
J. A. Farthing,
R. P. Farthing,
D. C. Harman,
A. J. Harman,
J. M. Harman,
A. S. Church,
Jacob Hagaman,
E. F. Jones,
W. F. Knight,
Job Moore,
James Premell,
J. J. L. Sherwood,
A. J. McBride,
J. C. Johnson,
Warren Moore,
William Willcoxon.

LICENTIATES.

E. G. Harman,
W. A. Harman,
George McGinnis,
Neal Campbell,
Thomas Swift,
David Green.

OFFICERS.

MODERATOR:

A. C. Farthing,.....Sweet Water, N. C.

CLERK AND TREASURER:

D. C. Harman,.....Sugar Grove, N. C.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION BOARD:

J. J. T. Reece,.....Sweet Water, N. C.
A. J. Critcher,.....Boone, "
Jesse Moore,.....Globe, "

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PROCEEDINGS.

MULBERRY CHURCH, CALDWELL CO., N. C.,
August 30th, 1883.

The Three Forks Baptist Association met in its Forty-third Annual Session at the Mulberry church, Caldwell county, N. C.

Assembled in the Grove at the hour appointed. Elder A. C. Farthing preached an appropriate and instructive sermon. Text: "So run that ye may obtain." 1 Cor. 9 : 24.

Recess 25 minutes.

Assembled at the house. Singing conducted by the Moderator. Hymn, "My God, my portion and my all," &c. Prayer, Elder W. A. Pool leading.

Received and read letters from all the churches composing this Union but the church at Bethany, from which the tables annexed were drawn.

Organized for the session by electing Elder A. C. Farthing Moderator, and Elder D. C. Harman Clerk; Elder W. A. Pool and Bro. J. F. Spainhour, Tellers.

Petitionary letters called for, when a letter from a newly constituted church at Howard Creek was presented by its delegates.

On motion, the letter and accompanying papers were referred to a special committee, viz: Brethren Joseph Brown, W. B. Farthing and Elder E. F. Jones.

Also a petition from a newly organized church at Gap Creek by its messengers, which was read, together with their Confession of Faith and Constitution.

On motion, received and delegates invited to seats, the Moderator extending the hand of fellowship.

Invited Corresponding Messengers to seats. Elder W. A. Pool and J. F. Spainhour, of the Brushy Mountain Association, accepted.

On motion, invited visiting ministers to seats. Elder G. H. Church accepted and was welcomed to a seat.

On motion, instructed the Moderator to appoint all temporary committees for the session, when he announced the following, viz:

On Arrangements—Elder J. J. L. Sherwood, and Brethren T. P. Adams and W. W. Presnell. On motion, the Moderator and Clerk were added to the committee.

On Education—Elder J. J. L. Sherwood and Brother J. F. Spainhour.

On Sunday Schools—Brother W. W. Presnell and Elder E. F. Jones.

On Missions—Brother T. P. Adams and Elder W. A. Pool.

On Temperance—Brother M. S. Trivett and Elder G. H. Church.

On Periodicals—Brethren Abram Roten and I. N. Corpening.

On Correspondents and Union Meetings—Brother W. B. Farthing and Elder G. H. Church.

On Resolutions—Brethren Judson Moore and John Crisp.

On Devotional Exercises—Brethren T. P. Adams, Alexander Wilson and A. E. Nelson, with the Messengers of Mulberry church.

On Finance—Brethren C. J. Cottrell, W. W. Presnell and L. W. Farthing.

On motion, adjourned to meet at the stand in the Grove on Friday, at 9 o'clock a. m.

Prayer by Elder E. F. Jones. Benediction by the Moderator.

FRIDAY MORNING.

August 31st, 1883.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Singing conducted by the Moderator. Hymn, "The souls that would to Jesus press," &c. Prayer, Elder I. Smith leading.

Called the roll and marked absentees.

Read the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum.

Read and corrected the minutes of yesterday.

On motion, appointed a committee, viz: Elders J. J. L. Sherwood and J. A. Farthing, to revise the seventh article of our Confession of Faith, and report next session.

On motion, called on the Committee on Arrangements to report.

The report read by the Clerk and adopted.

The Committee on Petitionary Letters offered the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

REPORT ON PETITIONARY LETTERS.

We, the committee appointed to investigate the apparent irregularities of the Howard's Creek church, beg leave to report that we have performed that duty and find the church justifiable in all she did.

JOSEPH BROWN, Chairman,
E. F. JONES,
W. B. FARTHING.

On motion, the church at Howard's Creek was received and messengers invited to seats.

Called on Treasurer, who submitted the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.

Sept. 2, 1882. Received from the Association, embracing a receipt from the church at Boone for $5 18,		$63 28

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By receipt from Boone church,	$ 5 18	
By amount paid Foreign Mission Board,	22 50	
By amount paid for printing minutes,	22 00	
By amount paid postage on minutes,	1 84	
		51 52
Sept. 2, 1883. Balance in Treasurer's hands,		$11 76

D. C. HARMAN, Treasurer.

Called on correspondents to report. On motion, received the reports of all those who attended as satisfactory, and excused those who did not attend.

Called on ministers appointed to attend Union Meetings to report. On motion, agreed to say to those who attended, "Well done, good and faithful servants," and excuse the others.

Called on the Colporteur, who submitted the following, which, after remarks by the Colporteur and others, was adopted:

COLPORTEUR'S REPORT.

Received of Elder G. H. Church, former Colporteur:		
In Books,		$12 18⅓
In cash,		18 15
Total,		$30 33⅓
Bought books and tracts to the amount of $47 80		
Books on hand,	$12 00	
Cash on hand,	18 33⅓	
Whole amount of book fund,		$30 43⅓

E. F. JONES, Colporteur.

On motion, elected a Missionary and Colporteur by ballot, which resulted in the choice of Elder E. F. Jones.

Instructed the Moderator to take a collection Sunday morning after the second sermon, to be applied to the use of our Associational Missionary.

Appointed an Associational Missionary Board, viz: J. J. T. Reece, A. J. Critcher and Jesse Moore, whose duty it shall be to take collections, receive and pay over all moneys contributed for Missionary work in this Association, point out the field of labor and fix the wages of our Missionary.

On motion, agreed to request the churches to take collections at once and forward the results of their efforts to the Board.

The hour for preaching having arrived, Elder W. A. Pool came to the stand and preached an earnest and instructive sermon. Text: "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said this, He gave up the ghost." Luke 23 : 46.

Recess 30 minutes.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order by singing "Amazing grace," &c. Moderator in the chair.

Elder Harvey West and Bro. J. B. Greer were announced as Corresponding Messengers from Brushy Mountain Association, and Elder J. S. Gwaltney from the Catawba Association. They were invited to seats, which they accepted, the Moderator extending the hand of fellowship.

On motion, appointed Elder A. C. Farthing and Brethren T. P. Adams and Reuben Estes a committee to re-district the Association.

Called on Committee on Education, who offered a report, which was read by Elder J. J. L. Sherwood.

Motion to adopt; remarks by Elders Sherwood and Church, and Brother J. Spainhour moved to amend remarks, giving reasons why.

The amendment prevailed, and the report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We think there is no subject of more importance to us as a denomination than the subject of education. We would have our people thoroughly awake to the work. We, as a denomination, are behind no denomination in the State. We would recommend our school in the Globe, now under the tuition of Bro. R. L. Patton, A. M., as a school of high grade, and worthy the patronage of all who want a good, solid and practical education. Also Wake Forest and Judson Colleges, where our boys may complete their education, the latter located at Hendersonville, N. C., the former at Wake Forest, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. L. SHERWOOD, Chairman.

On motion, instructed the Clerk to have an advertisement of the Baptist High School in the Globe printed on the back of these minutes, provided Brother R. L. Patton pay the expenses, if there be any.

Called on the Trustees of Three Forks Baptist High School to report, who submitted a report, which was read by Bro. J. F. Spainhour. Pending its consideration adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock a. m.

SATURDAY MORNING.

September 1st, 1883.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Moderator in the chair. Prayer by Elder Harvey West.

Read and approved the minutes of yesterday.

Resumed the consideration of the report of the Trustees of the Baptist High School.

A motion to adopt prevailed.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

DEAR BRETHREN: The following report is submitted for your consideration, viz: Fourteen dollars of the amount subscribed at the last session of the Association for improvements on the Three Forks Baptist Institute have been paid by the following named parties: J. J. T. Reece, $5.00; J. H. Mast, $5.00; Wiley Church, $1.00; E. Tatum, $1.00; A. C. Farthing, $1.00; D. C. Harman, $1.00. Owing to the slow payments of the amount subscribed no work has been done on the house. A school of about four months has been taught in said house within the past year by T. F. Adams, principal. Said school was not patronized by a single Baptist except those living in the immediate vicinity of the Institute, consequently the school was a failure, and closed one month before the term was out.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. COFFEY, Chairman.

On motion, agreed to give the Three Forks Baptist High School house to the Baptist church in Boone which they are to use for school purposes only, and to authorize the Trustees of said property to convey the right and title of the same to the said church.

The Committee on Temperance submitted a report, which was read by Bro. M. S. Trivett. On a motion to adopt the said report, remarks were made by Bros. M. S. Trivett, W. B. Farthing, R. L. Patton, and Elders Gwaltney, Church and Jones. Report adopted as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee are happy to report that there are no members of this Association engaged in making or selling ardent spirits. We see there is a continued increase in the cause of Temperance, brought about, as we believe, by the efforts of religious bodies; therefore we do earnestly hope that churches and ministers of this Association will continue to encourage the cause of Temperance until there will not be one left to advocate the cause of dram drinking.

Respectfully submitted,

M. S. TRIVETT, Chairman.

Called for the report of the Financial Committee. The report was read by W. W. Presnell, and then adopted as follows:

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Received from the Treasurer,	$11 78
Received from churches for printing Minutes,	37 65
Received for Home Missions,	3 00
Received for Foreign Missions,	29 73
Total,	$82 16
Paid Clerk for services,	8 00
Balance on hand,	$74 16

W. W. PRESNELL, Chairman.

On motion, instructed the Treasurer to pay over to the Board of Associational Missions all moneys of the minute fund which may remain after paying for printing these minutes.

Called for the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools, which report was read by W. W. Presnell, and after remarks by Bro. W. W. Presnell and others, adopted as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools report the following: We find that a majority of the churches have reported Sunday Schools. While we are pleased with the interest manifested by our people in Sunday School work, your committee believe that parents should take a greater interest in attending Sunday School, as it is a place where all may gain instruction, the old as well as the young. We believe that the Sunday School is the Church at work, and therefore that all the members of the Church ought to take a deeper interest in Sunday School work. We need more thorough organization, for in organization there is strength. We earnestly impress upon our people the importance of using greater effort in bringing all classes into the Sunday School. We are informed that there is a little boy under — years old, a member of the Sunday School at Cove Creek, who has brought nineteen children into the Sunday School during this summer. Would to God we all had the energy of this little boy, then it would not be long until all within the bounds of this Association would be in Sunday School.

We learn that there are three evergreen Sunday Schools in this Association, viz: Globe, Boone and Mt. Zion. We hope that all the churches will strive to have Sunday Schools all the year. Our next Sunday School Convention will convene with the church at Meat Camp, commencing on Friday before the fifth Sunday in March, 1884. We hope all our churches will send delegates and report evergreen Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. PRESNELL, Chairman.

Called for the report on Missions, which was read by Elder G. H. Church. Motion made to adopt, and remarks were made by the Moderator. The hour for preaching having arrived, the consideration of the report was suspended, and Elder Church preached at the stand an excellent sermon from the text, "Then Philip opened his mouth and began at the same scripture and preached unto him Jesus." Acts 8: 35.

Recess 30 minutes.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order by singing hymn "Alas, and did my Savior bleed," &c. The Moderator in the chair.

Resumed consideration of the report on Missions. Remarks by Elder Church, in which he gave encouraging statistics of Foreign Mission work, and by Bro. Patton, who tells of the necessity of greater efforts being given to this work. Report adopted as follows;

FOREIGN MISSIONARY REPORT.

The progress in this department of our labor is really wonderful. God has blessed our Foreign Missionaries in their efforts to spread abroad the Gospel of the Son of God. Eighty-one years ago there were 70 Foreign Missionaries, now there are 2,500 ordained Europeans and Americans, and from 7,000 to 8,000 ordained native preachers. Eighty-four years ago there were only 50,000 converts among all evangelical denominations in all heathen lands, now there are 1,650,000. Then the Bible was published in 50 languages, now in 226. About the largest church in the world is that among the Teloogoos, which has 14,000 members. The China Mission, with Dr. Yates, a noble Foreign Missionary, and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Crawford, Dr. and Mrs. Graves, Brother and Sister Simmons and 26 other assistants, are making good progress. They baptized 43 last year, and now have a membership of nearly 600. There is a Baptist Association in China which last year assembled 31 delegates. In Sweden the first Baptist Church was organized only 34 years ago, with six members; now there are not less than 25,000 Baptists in Sweden. In Africa Brother David baptized 14 last year, and has a membership of 97, which contributed $120 to benevolence. Brethren, may these facts stimulate us to greater efforts in this noble work for the Lord Jesus.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Christians of the United States are under obligation to no other race as they are to the red men of the forest, whom we have driven from their hunting grounds and whose savage homes we have taken for our dwelling places. Now shall we deny them the bread of life? Brethren, let us help in this work.

Respectfully submitted,

T. P. ADAMS, Chairman.

Suspended business and took a collection for Home and Foreign Missions, amounting to $10, to be equally divided between those two objects.

Called to order.

The Committee on Periodicals submitted their report, which was read by Bro. I. N. Corpening. The report, after remarks by Elders Church, Jones and Gwaltney, and Bro. Spainhour, was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We believe that no Baptist should be without Baptist literature to read in his family; we therefore recommend the BIBLICAL RECORDER and *Kind Words*, and the Lesson Helps for Sunday Schools published by the American Baptist Publication Society at Philadelphia.

I. N. CORPENING, Chairman.

Called for the report on Correspondents and Union Meetings, which was read by Bro. W. B. Farthing. Report adopted as follows:

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENTS AND UNION MEETINGS.

CORRESPONDENTS.

To the Catawba Association—Elders E. F. Jones, J. J. L. Sherwood and I. Smith.

To the Brushy Mountain—Elders W. F. Knight and J. J. L. Sherwood, and Bros. W. B. Farthing and Jesse Moore.

To Roan Mountain—Elders D. C. Harman, A. C. Farthing and A. J. Harman.

To Watauga—Elders J. A. Farthing, A. C. Farthing and E. F. Jones.

UNION MEETINGS.

One with the church at Flat Top, to commence on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1883—Elders J. A. Farthing, I. Smith and A. C. Farthing to attend.

One with the church at Meat Camp, to commence on Friday before the first Sunday in November, 1883—Elders D. C. Harman and J. C. Johnson to attend.

One with the church at Pisgah, to commence on Friday before the first Sunday in November, 1883—Elders W. F. Knight, J. A. Farthing, A. C. Farthing and J. J. L. Sherwood to attend.

One with the church at Brushy Fork, to commence on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1883—Elder A. J. Harman to attend.

W. B. FARTHING, Chairman.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted the following report, which, after being read by Bro. John Crisp, was adopted as follows:

Resolved, that we do hereby tender our thanks to the brethren and friends of this vicinity for their kindness and hospitality shown us during this session of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN CRISP, Chairman.

The Committee on Redistricting the Association submitted two reports, the second of which was adopted as follows:

REPORT.

Add the churches at Flat Top and Laurel Springs to the Eastern Division, and the church at Brushy Fork to the Center.

Appointed the next Association to be held with the church at Bethel, 12 miles west of Boone, Watauga county, N. C., to commence on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1884. Elder E. F. Jones to preach the introductory sermon, Eld. J. J. L. Sherwood, alternate.

A motion prevailed, requesting the churches to name in their letters what amount of their contributions are intended to pay correspondents, and what sum for printing minutes.

Appointed the Clerk Treasurer, and instructed him to have seven hundred copies of these minutes printed and distributed as usual.

Suspended business for Eld. Gwaltney to take subscription for the RECORDER, and for Eld. Church for the BLUE RIDGE BAPTIST.

On motion, adjourned to meet at time and place appointed. Prayer by Eld. Church. Appropriate closing exercises in which much love and union was manifested by the brethren.

Benediction by Eld. Jones.

A. C. FARTHING, *Moderator.*

D. C. HARMAN, *Clerk.*

SUNDAY MORNING.

Congregation assembled, good order prevails. Eld. Sherwood introduces the services after prayer, announce and the text, Romans 8; 38; preaches a short but very good sermon.

After singing, Eld. Jones announces his text: Isaiah 40: 31: "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength," etc.

Good order and profound attention prevail during the service. The moderator proceeds to take collection for Associational Missions, hopes that good order will still prevail, says he knows that all christians and gentlemen and ladies will preserve good order, and he hopes there are no other characters present. The collection is taken, amounting to $13.96.

Appropriate closing exercises. Benediction by the Moderator.

CLERK.

Churches, Pastors, Post Offices, &c.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	MONTHLY MEETINGS.	POST OFFICES.	Ordained Ministers.	Licentiate.
Antioch,	D. C. Harman,	1st Sunday,	Watauga Falls, Watauga county, N. C.,	2	1
Bethel,	R. P. Farthing, J. A. Farthing,	4th "	Sweet Water, " " "	3	----
Brushy Fork,	E. F. Jones,	1st "	Boone, " " "	----	1
Beaver Dam,	A. C. Farthing,	2nd "	Sweet Water, " " "	1	----
Beech Mountain,	D. C. Harman,	3rd "	Banner's Elk, " " "	----	----
Bethany,				----	----
Boone,	I. W. Thomas,	4th "	Boone, Watauga county, N. C.,	----	----
Big Laurel,	Wm. Canter, J. C. Johnson,	4th "	Apple Grove, Ashe county, N. C.,	----	2
Cove Creek,	J. J. L. Sherwood,	3rd "	Sugar Grove, Watauga " "	1	----
Flat Top,	A. C. Farthing, W. F. Knight,	3rd "	Blowing Rock, " " "	1	----
Gap Creek,			Gap Creek, Ashe " "	----	----
Globe,	J. J. L. Sherwood,	4th "	Globe, Caldwell " "	1	----
Howard's Creek,	John Hughes,	3rd "	Sands, Watauga " "	----	----
Laurel Spring,	J. F. Eller, Asa Brown,	4th "	Rotherwood, Watauga " "	1	----
Meat Camp,	J. J. L. Sherwood,	1st "	Norris, " " "	----	1
Mt. Pleasant,	William Willcoxon,	1st "	Gap Creek, Ashe " "	1	----
Mt. Zion, No. 2,	James Presnell, A. J. Harman	2nd "	Beech Creek, Watauga " "	1	----
Mt. Zion, No. 1,	E. F. Jones,	4th "	Trade, Johnson county, Tenn.,	2	----
Mt. Gilead,	A. J. Harman,	3rd "	Beech Creek, Watauga county. N. C.,	1	----
Mulberry,	E. M. Gragg,	1st "	Risden, Caldwell " "	2	----
Pisgah,	I. Smith,	1st "	Lenoir, " " "	1	----
South Fork,	I. W. Thomas,	3rd "	Elk X Roads, Ashe " "	1	----
Three Forks,	E. F. Jones,	2nd "	Sands, Watauga " "	----	1
Sampson,	W. F. Knight,	4th "	Buffaloe Cove, Watauga " "	----	----
Yadkin,	J. H. West,	3rd "	Patterson, Caldwell " "	----	----

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Received.			Dismiss'd		Deceased.	Total No. of M'mb'r-ship.	Contributions.		S. S. Statistics.		
		B'pt'm	By Letter.	Re-stored.	By Let-ter.	Ex-cluded.			For Mis-sions.	Min-utes.	No. Schools.	No. Pupils.	Average Attend-ance.
Antioch,	D. C. Harman,	29	3	1	3	----	1	118	$ 2 54	$ 2 00	2	120	75
Bethel,	J. A. Farthing, A. C. Farthing, L. W. Farthing,	10	4	6	2	----	3	127	11 25	2 00	1	----	------
Brushy Fork,	David Adams, M. S. Trivett,	5	1	----	10	3	----	141	------	2 00	1	----	------
Beaver Dam,	J. C. Johnson, Alexander Willson,	14	7	----	2	4	1	123	3 20	2 25	2	122	65
Beech Mountain,	J. C. Chapel, A. E. Norman,	10	3	----	----	----	----	39	------	1 00	1	----	------
Bethany,		----	----	----	----	----	----	----	------	------	----	----	------
Boone,*	W. W. Presnell,	----	----	----	----	----	2	32	5 62	2 00	1	40	25
Big Laurel,	John Hagaman, Thomas Swift,	3	1	----	5	1	----	22	------	75	1	45	25
Cove Creek,	T. P. Adams, F. P. Mast,	19	8	3	5	2	1	141	5 31	3 00	1	140	65
Flat Top,	W. F. Knight, L. L. Estes,	----	4	1	1	----	2	54	------	1 00	----	----	------
Gap Creek,	James Howel,	7	2	----	----	----	----	18	1 00	60	----	----	------
Globe,†	I. N. Corpening, Judson Moore, H. R. Estes,	15	2	----	6	1	----	78	------	2 00	1	96	44
Howard's Creek,	E. J. Norris, R. J. Minten, E. Green,	9	9	----	6	2	----	26	------	1 00	1	60	40
Laurel Spring,	Joseph Brown,	----	----	----	1	----	----	57	------	1 50	1	25	18
Meat Camp,	David Green, J. H. Brown, W. M. Green,	15	3	2	1	3	1	115	------	2 00	1	64	33
Mt. Pleasant,	William H. Canter,	21	4	1	5	2	1	120	------	2 20	1	55	40
Mt. Zion, No. 2,	O. J. Presnell,	5	----	1	----	5	----	44	------	50	1	45	25
Mt. Zion, No. 1,	E. F. Jones, J. J. L. Sherwood, Abram Roten,	21	11	5	----	5	1	172	3 00	3 00	1	100	82
Mt. Gilead,	A. J. Harman, John McBride,	5	6	----	5	----	----	55	------	1 00	1	62	48
Mulberry,	A. S. Church, M. P. Edmisten, J. A. Edmisten,	4	3	----	----	----	----	32	------	50	1	28	20
Pisgah,	I. Smith, John Crisp, J. F. Crisp,	----	----	----	1	1	----	22	------	1 00	----	----	------
South Fork,	Elijah Tatum,	7	----	2	1	2	----	108	80	2 00	1	----	------
Three Forks,	C. J. Cottrell,	22	2	1	2	4	----	149	------	2 00	----	----	------
Sampson,	G. W. Robbins, T. L. Jones, J. P. Robbins,	6	----	----	2	1	----	39	------	75	1	42	22
Yadkin,	W. B. Farthing, M. C. Pennell, A. E. Nelson,	----	2	----	----	1	----	41	------	1 00	----	----	------
		227						1,872	$32 72	$37 65	21	844	627

*The Church at Boone sent a receipt from P. E. Montague for Education $

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J. M. HARMAN,	J. C. JOHNSON,
A. S. CHURCH,	WARREN MOORE,
WILLIAM WILCOXON,	NEAL CAMPBELL.

Licentiates.

E. G. HARMAN,	THOMAS SWIFT,
W. A. HARMAN,	DAVID GREEN,
GEORGE McGINNIS,	HARRISON FARTHING.

Officers.

MODERATOR:

A. C. FARTHING, ... Sweet Water, N. C.

CLERK AND TREASURER:

D. C. HARMAN, ... Sugar Grove, N. C.

COLPORTEUR:

E. F. JONES, ... Trade, Tenn.

PROCEEDINGS.

BETHEL CHURCH, WATAUGA CO., N. C.,
September 4th, 1884.

The Three Forks Baptist Association met with this Church in its forty-fourth session.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder E. F. Jones from Mark 14: 54—"And Peter followed him afar off."

After a suitable intermission, services were opened by the Moderator, Elder I. Oxford leading in prayer.

The letters from the Churches were then called for and read, from which the tables annexed were prepared.

Organized for the session by electing A. C. Farthing Moderator, and D. C. Harman, Clerk; Elder I. Oxford and brother T. E. R. Hunter, Tellers.

Petitionary letters being called for, one from a newly constituted church at John's River was presented by E. D. Crisp, together with their articles of faith, which were read by the Clerk, and on motion, the Church was received into our union, and the delegates invited to seats, the Moderator extending the hand of fellowship. Also the Beech Mountain Church, No. 2, presented a letter of dismission from Mitchell County Association, with a petitionary letter: on motion, received, and the delegates invited to seats, which they accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1884.

1883.

September 1st. Received from the Association	$82.16
Collection on Sunday	10.00
Total	$92.16

DISBURSEMENTS.

Credit by paid Clerk	$ 8.00	
Foreign Missions	34.16	
Home Missions	8.00	
Printing, packing and postage on Minutes	25.60	
Paid Associational Mission Board	16.00	
		$91.76
Balance on hand		$ .4

An invitation was extended to corresponding messengers. The following were welcomed to seats:

From Brushy Mountain, Elders I. Oxford and Hardy West; from Catawba, Elder M. V. Macamson; from Mitchell county, Elders Steven Buchanan, Steven Green and J. W. Putnam; Wautauga, Bros. James Brown and T. E. R. Hunter.

On motion, invited visiting ministers to seats: Elders I. W. Thomas, A. J. McBride and J. J. L. Sherwood of this Association, and Elder Hines accepted.

On motion, appointed Bro. Wiley Church and Elders J. A. Farthing and J. J. L. Sherwood, with the Moderator and Clerk, a committee on Arrangement.

On motion, instructed the Moderator to appoint all temporary committees for the session, whereupon he announced the following:

On Finance—J. M. Brown, W. B. Farthing and Hugh Hagaman.

On Education—Elder E. F. Jones and Bro. T. E. R. Hunter.

On Sunday Schools—Abram Roten, Elder I. W. Thomas.

On Foreign Missions—F. P. Moore and W. W. Presnell.

Temperance—A. J. McBride and T. E. R. Hunter.

Periodicals—J. M. Harman and J. J. L. Sherwood.

On Correspondence and Union Meetings—J. A. Farthing and W. W. Presnell.

Resolutions—Asa Brown and I. W. Thomas.

On State Missions—I. W. Thomas, J. E. Ray and E. F. Jones.

On Devotional Exercises—Wiley Church, F. P. Moore, with the delegates of Bethel Church.

The committee on Preaching reported for to-morrow, as follows:

First, Harvey West; second, J. J. L. Sherwood.

On motion, adjourned to meet to-morrow, a. m., 9:30 o'clock, and spend 30 minutes in devotional exercises.

Prayer by Elder Harvey West.

Benediction by the Moderator.

MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, September 5th.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Devotional exercises conducted by Elder I. Oxford.

Called to order by the Moderator.

The following messengers from sister Associations were announced:

From Catawba, Elders A. E. Poe and R. L. Patten and Bro. M. N. Harshaw, and Bro. John E. Ray representing the Baptist State Convention; Bro. D. C. Wester representing the Bristol Female College, and Elder D. F. Manly visiting minister, and Elder John Hughes, all of whom were welcomed to seats, the Moderator extending the hand of fellowship.

Called the roll and marked absentees.

Read and approved the minutes of yesterday.

Read Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum.

Called for the report on Sunday Schools, which was read by W. W. Presnell. Move to adopt withdrawn. Moved by Elder Jones to refer and make special order for three o'clock p. m.

Called on committee on Temperance to report, who requested till two o'clock p. m. Granted.

Called for the report on Periodicals, which was read by J. M. Harman. Motion to adopt discussed by J. E. Ray, E. F. Jones, J. J. L. Sherwood and I. W. Thomas. Question called for and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We believe that the circulation of religious literature is second only to that of preaching the Word, and would recommend the members of this Association to encourage the circulation of good Baptist books and papers, such as the *Biblical Recorder*, *Blue Ridge Baptist* and *Foreign Missionary Journal*, as good, sound papers that ought to be in every family in our bounds.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. HARMAN,
Chairman.

Called for the report on Correspondence; read by W. W. Presnell. Motion to adopt. Remarks by J. E. Ray and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Brushy Mountain Association, Elders E. F. Jones and I. W. Thomas; Catawba, Elders J. J. L. Sherwood and

D. C. Harman; Watauga, Elders J. A. Farthing, J. C. Johnson and A. C. Farthing.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. FARTHING,
W. W. PRESNELL,
Committee.

Called on the committee on Education to report. A motion by Elder Jones to adjourn an hour prevailed.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Engaged in singing "There is a Fountain filled with blood." Called to order by the Moderator, who announces that a request from Elder R. P. Farthing, who is at home and very much afflicted, has been made that the Association would pray the Lord to bless him in his afflicted state. Suspended business and engaged in prayer, Elder Sherwood leading.

The committtee on Temperance submitted their report. Read by Elder A. J. McBride. Motion to adopt. Remarks by Elder Jones, Bro. D. C. Wester and Elder McBride. Motion to amend by striking out the word "beverage" in the 8th line. The motion to amend prevailed and the report was adopted as amended.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We are pleased to report that the cause of Temperance is steadily advancing and gaining ground in the bounds of this Association, and your committee is hopeful that we are nearing the time when every Baptist, not only in our Association, but in the State and in all this highly blessed country of ours, will regard the use of intoxicating liquors sinful, and use all their influence to remove the curse from our midst.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. MCBRIDE,
Chairman.

Called for the report of the committee on Finance, which was read and adopted as follows:

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Received from the Churches:		
For printing Minutes, &c	$38.45	
" Foreign Missions	20.45	
" Correspondence	3.45	
" Sunday Schools	1.00	
Total		$63.35
Paid Clerk for services	$ 7.32	
Correspondence	3.45	
		$10.77
In Treasurer's hands		$52.58

W. B. FARTHING,
Chairman.

The report on Education was called for, which was read by E. F. Jones. Motion to adopt. Remarks by D. F. Manly, D. C. Wester, R. L. Patten, E. F. Jones and J. E. Ray. Question called for and adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee are glad to report progress among our people in the cause of education. We have better common schools for our children than the people had fifteen years ago. Our people need better schools for their children. We recommend that the people of our Association help to build up and maintain better common schools in all the different settlements, and also send their sons and daughters to Colleges when able.

We especially recommend that our young men do all in their power to secure a good practical education, that they may be prepared for the different pursuits of life.

We recommend Wake Forest College, Wake county, N. C.; Judson College, Hendersonville, N. C., and Carson College, Mossy Creek, Tenn., for young men, and Wester Female College, Bristol, Tenn., for young ladies.

We say to young men and ladies, go to these schools if you can.

We also say that Bro. R. L. Patten has a good school at Globe, Caldwell county, N. C., a school well worthy the people's patronage.

E. F. JONES,
Chairman.

The hour for the consideration of the Sunday School report, which was made special order for 3 o'clock p. m., having arrived, remarks were made by J. E. Ray and adopted as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

We, your committee, beg leave to report that the Sunday School interest in this Association is very hopeful. Almost every church comprising this body has reported a Sunday School: and some, evergreen schools. In last March a Sunday School Convention was held with Meat Camp Church, which we trust did something toward increasing the interest in this department of Christian labor. Many of our churches are using the lesson helps and other Sunday School literature. Your committee would earnestly intreat the Pastors to labor arduously to increase the efficiency of Sunday Schools, and we intreat all the members of our churches to give their hands and hearts to this good work, that we may better understand our Master's will and learn more of that blessed truth that is able to make us wise unto salvation. Let us all labor to lead the dear children to Christ, through a knowledge of His Word. The next session of the Sunday School Convention will be held with the Bethel Church, Watauga county, on Friday before the 5th Sunday in March, 1885.

A. ROTEN,
I. W. THOMAS,
Committee.

The committee on preaching reported that Elder M. V. Macamson will preach in the church house to-night at early candle lighting. Elder E. A. Poe to-morrow at the stand, at 10 o'clock a. m., followed by Elder I. W. Thomas. 2nd. Elder D. F. Manly at 1 o'clock p. m.

On motion, adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9:30 o'clock, a. m., and spend 30 minutes in devotional exercises.

Prayer, D. F. Manly leading.

Benediction by the Moderator.

MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, September 6th.

Met according to adjournment.

Devotional exercises conducted by Elder S. M. Green.

Called to order by the Moderator.

Read and approved the minutes of yesterday.

Called for the report on State Missions, which was read by E. F. Jones. Motion to adopt. Remarks by W. B. Farthing, E. F. Jones, Asa Brown and J. E. Ray. At the close of Bro. Ray's remarks, he said he did not desire to take a collection, but would receive a free-will offering from all who would approach the table and lay it on the Bible. The sum thus contributed amounted to $13.00, for which Bro. Ray receipted the Treasurer. Question called for and adopted:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Our blessed Savior before he left his disciples said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," and he enjoined upon them to begin at Jerusalem, promising, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

God has peculiarly verified this promise in connection with our State Mission work.

Seven years ago, the Board of Missions of the Baptist State Convention had nine Missionaries at work in various parts of the State. Since that time the work has grown until last year they had fifty-four Missionaries, one of them, Bro. G. H. Church, giving his whole time to Ashe and Alleghany counties. These men of God went out into nearly every part of the State, built ten houses of worship and organized fourteen new churches, forty new Sunday Schools, and led nearly one thousand souls to God. This year our Board has more than sixty Missionaries. The Board of the Western Convention is also doing a good work. We would most earnestly urge the churches of this Association to help push forward the spread of the Gospel in our own State.

E. F. JONES,
I. W. THOMAS,
J. E. RAY,
Committee.

Took under consideration a request from the Church at Boone to change the time of the annual meetings of this body. Remarks by I. W. Thomas, explaining the motive of said Church in making this request. Motion to change from Thursday to Tuesday of the same week discussed *pro* and *con* by J. A. Farthing, E. F. Jones, W. B. Farthing, E.

H. Daugherty, John McBride, J. M. Brown, J. J. L. Sherwood and I. Oxford. Question called for and adopted.

The committee on Devotional Exercises report for tomorrow as follows:

Prayer meeting at 9 o'clock, a. m. Preaching: 1st, Elder I. Oxford at 11 o'clock a. m.; 2nd, Elder D. F. Manly to preach the Missionary sermon. The Moderator to take a collection for Indian Missions at the close of second sermon and close the services.

On motion of E. F. Jones, made the report on Foreign Missions special order for 1 o'clock p. m.

The committee on Resolutions made the following report. Move to adopt. Discussed by J. E. Ray, J. M. Brown, E. F. Jones, Asa Brown and W. B. Farthing. Motion to strike out the words from the word "Association" in the fourth line to the word "members" in the sixth line. The motion to amend prevailed and the resolution adopted as follows:

Resolved, 1st. That we request the churches of this body to take into consideration the propriety of changing our constitution, so as to make all ordained Ministers of this Association members ex-officio, and that the churches have the right to send three delegates each from the members, and that the Association have the right to invite visiting brethren who are not Ministers to seats and report their decision to the Association next year.

Resolved, 2nd. That it is the sense of this body that if the churches will do their duty in supporting their pastors, and if the pastors will do their duty toward the destitute places, there will be no need of an Associational Missionary.

Resolved, therefore, that we earnestly advise the churches to take this matter into consideration and so support their pastors that they may be enabled to give their attention to this work.

Resolved, 3rd. That we tender our most sincere and heartfelt thanks to the dear brethren, sisters and friends of Bethel Church and community for their kind hospitality and entertainment to this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

ASA BROWN,
I. W. THOMAS,
Committee.

Recess 45 minutes.

Called to order by singing hymn, "Am I a soldier of the cross," &c.

Moderator in the chair.

The hour having arrived for the report on Missions, it was read by W. W. Presnell. Motion to adopt. Remarks by Bros. J. E. Ray, E. F. Jones, I. W. Thomas, J. J. L. Sherwood. Question called for and adopted.

RFPORT ON MISSIONS.

We are glad to report that some of the churches are taking a greater interest in Foreign Missions, which is shown by their increased contributions; but while this is the case, we should all be stimulated to do still more towards extending our Master's kingdom. Is it not enough to move every Christian to action to think of the many millions of heathens who are dying in Christless despair because they have not the bread of life? The command of our Lord is, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," and we can all help carry out this great and glorious command by giving our means to the support of God's ministers, who are laboring so faithfully for the poor benighted heathen.

Our Missionaries need more money to carry on their work successfully. The appeal from Dr. Yates to the editor of the *Foreign Mission Journal* is enough to make our hearts burn within us. He writes, "O, my brother, I am being killed off here, not so much by the work I am doing, as by what I want to do and cannot do, for the want of prompt and liberal support of the churches at home. God help the poor heathen who never heard of the way of life." Our Association, which represents a membership of about 2,000, could easily pay $300, but we are called upon to raise only $100 for Foreign Missions, which would be on the average about 5 cents per member. We would urge the delegates to pledge the amount or more at once, and then when you go home, strive to raise in your churches the sums pledged. The way to raise money for the Lord is by frequent giving, which keeps the heart warm, quickens interest, and though the sum contributed each time be small, a larger amount will be raised than even monthly collections. Let us all give as the Lord commands, which is every Sunday, the first day of the week, 1st Cor., 16: 2. Let us all give as the Lord prospers us, remembering that the Lord loveth a cheerful giver, also that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Respectfully submitted,

F. P. MOORE,
W. W. PRESNELL,
Committee.

On the adoption of the above report, pledges were taken from the delegates for Foreign Missions. See table No. 1.

Called on Associational Missionary and Colporteur to report, who reported that owing to the lateness of the meeting of the Board, and a lack of a definite understanding, he had not performed any Missionary labors, but submitted the following report, as Colporteur, which was adopted:

COLPORTEUR'S REPORT.

During the Associational year, your Colporteur has bought from Graves and Mahaffy, Memphis, Tenn., B. Griffith, Philadelphia, Pa.:

Books and tracts to the amount of	$60.17
Sold, about	58.00
Books and tracts on hand	11.60
Cash in hands of Colporteur	18.73
Whole amount of Book Fund	30.33⅓

E. F. JONES,
Colporteur.

The Board of Associational Mission work reported that they had not used any of the funds in their hands, which amounted to $29.80.

On motion, agreed to add the foregoing sum to the Colporteur fund, making a total of $60 13⅓.

A preamble and resolutions in regard to the death of our beloved Bro. Mastin Trivett was read by J. J. L. Sherwood. Motion to adopt. Remarks by Elders Sherwood, Jones, J. A. Farthing and Thomas. Question called for and adopted.

OBITUARY.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father, in his infinite wisdom, to remove from our midst, by death, our beloved brother Mastin Trivett, who was born in Watauga county, N. C., April 6, 1859, and professed faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and united with the church at Poplar Grove, November the 4th, Saturday, 1876, and died October 25, 1883.

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. Trivett, we have lost a worthy young Christian brother, whose life is worthy of imitation: and that we strive to be resigned to the will of Him who doeth all things well; and that we tender our

sympathy to his bereaved relatives; and that we spread a copy of this preamble and resolutions upon our minutes.

W. F. HAYES,
DAVID ADAMS,
Committee.

Called on committee appointed last year to revise the 7th article of our Confession of Faith, who offered the following. On motion adopted.

REVISION.

We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, given by Him to his visible Church, believers being the only subjects of baptism, baptized church members the only persons who have a scriptural right to the Lord's Supper. We believe that baptism is the immersion of a believer in water.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. FARTHING,
J. J. L. SHERWOOD,
Committee.

Appointed the next session of this body to meet with the Three Forks Church, two miles east of Boone, Watauga county, N. C., to commence on Tuesday before the 1st Sunday in September, 1885, Elder J. J. L. Sherwood to preach the Introductory sermon. Elder I. W. Thomas, alternate.

A motion prevailed to return the thanks of this Association to the Moderator and Clerk for the faithful and efficient discharge of their labors during our session.

On motion, adjourned to meet at the time and place above named.

Prayer by Elder J. J. L. Sherwood.

Singing conducted by the Moderator.

In these closing exercises, much love and union seemed to prevail among the brethren.

A. C. FARTHING, Moderator.

D. C. HARMAN, Clerk.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

SUNDAY, September 7th.

At the hour appointed, the congregation assembled in the grove.

Spent 30 minutes in singing and prayer.

Elder I. Oxford preached to a large and attentive congregation. Elder D. F. Manly follows and preaches the Missionary sermon. Good order prevails, and profound attention is given to the preacher.

At the close of the sermon, the Moderator takes a collection for Indian Missions, amounting to forty dollars and eighty cents.

Elder J. A. Farthing announces that Elder J. W. Putnam will preach after recess.

The Moderator dismisses for one hour.

During the recess, the people who live at a distance are continually leaving.

At the close of the recess, the people are called together by singing.

Elder Putnam preaches to a very attentive congregation.

CLERK.

SATISTICAL TABLE.—No. 1.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Correspondence Fund.	Foreign Missions.	Pastors' Salary.	Ministerial Education.	Sunday School.	Sunday School Literature.	Receipt for moneys sent before the session 1884 for Foreign Missions.	Indian Missions.	State Missions.	Other objects.	Total for the year 1884.	Pledges taken to be paid by September 1885.
Scott Estes,	.....	.....	$ 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....
Antioch,	$ 2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	$ 5 00
Bethel,	2 00	$1 00	8 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 10	10 00
Bushy Fork,	2 00	1 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	10 00
Beaver Dam,	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	5 00
Beech Mountain No. 1	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25	3 00
Bethany,	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	1 00
Boone,	2 00	.....	.....	.....	$4 00	.....	.....	$5 53	.....	.....	.....	11 53	5 00
Big Laurel,	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	1 00
Beech Mountain No. 2.	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	5 00
Cove Creek,	2 00	1 00	6 60	.....	.....	$1 00	$7 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 10	15 00
Flat Top,	1 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 05	*1 00
Gap Creek,	1 25	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 25	.....
Globe,	2 15	.....	.....	$125 00	11 41	.....	.....	38 58	.....	$4 81	$87 92	269 87	30 00
Howard's Creek,	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	3 00
John's River,	50	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	.....
Laurel Spring,	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	2 50
Meat Camp,	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	5 00
Mt- Pleasant,	1 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 70	.....
Mt. Zion No. 2,	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....
Mt. Zion No. 1,	2 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	7 10	10 00
Mt. Gilead,	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	2 50
Mulberry,	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	.....
Pisgah,	1 00	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....
South Fork,	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	5 00
Three Forks,	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	10 00
Sampson,	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	2 50
Yadkin,	75	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	‡1 00
Public Collection on Friday	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 00	.....	.....	.....
" " " Sunday	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41 80	.....	.....	.....	.....
	$38 45	.....	$20 70	$125 00	$15 41	$ 1 00	$ 7 50	$49 11	$41 80	$17 81	$87 92	$356 80	$133 50

*Paid by C. C. Green. ‡Paid by W. B. Farthing.

SUNDAY SCHOL TABLE.—NO. 2.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	No. of Schools.	No. of Teachers.	Average attendance.	No. of pupils.	Total.
Antioch	M. A. Presnell	1	4	28	40	35
Bethel		1				
Brushy Fork,	Isaac McGinis. J. J. Hagaman,	1	6	40	60	67
Beaverdam,	Welinton Swift,	2	8	56	76	85
Beech Mountain No. 1,		1	4	20	26	31
Bethany,						
Boone,		1		15		15
Big Laurel,	Neal Campbell	1	4	26	50	54
Beech Mountain No. 2,		1				
Cove Creek,		1	12	85	112	124
Flat Top,						
Gap Creek,	Charlie Walker	1	4	51	99	103
Globe,	F. P. Moore.	1	4		61	65
Howard's Creek,						
John's River,		1				
Laurel Spring,						
Meat Camp,						
Mt. Pleasant,		1				
Mt. Zion No. 2,						
Mt. Zion No, 1,		1		125	171	171
Mt. Gilead,	J. F. McBride	1	4	45	58	62
Mulberry,		1		25	29	29
Pisgah,		1				
South Fork,	John Stevens,	1		26		26
Three Forks,	A. B. Cook	1		40	65	
Sampson,						
Yadkin,						

STATISTICAL TABLE—No. 3.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Rec'd by Baptism.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dis'd by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.
Antioch,	D. C. Harman, E. G. Harman, J. M. Harman	9	4	5	7	1	3	132
Bethel,	J. A. Farthing, A. C. Farthing, L. W. Farthing,	27	9	1	6	2	2	154
Brushy Fork,	W. F. Hayes, David Adams, W. Holsclaw,	22	4	3		7	1	163
Beaver Dam,	J. C. Johnson, J. J. T. Reece, Hugh Hagamon,	11	2	1	3	5	1	129
Beech Mountain No. 1,	J. C. Chapel, J. E. Mastin,	5	2		1			44
Bethany,	T. C. Curtis,	10	1	6				57
Boone,	W. C. Coffey, W. W Presnell, G. A Critcher,		1		2		1	29
Big Laurel,	John Hagaman, Isaac Hayes,				1			22
Beech Mountain No. 2,	Jacob Yonce, Joel Trivett, D. J. McGuire,	10		1			1	100
Cove Creek,	John McBride, H. Dougherty, J. J. Mast,	20	7	1	4	4	2	161
Flat Top,	C. C. Green, William Elrod,	8	2		7		3	54
Gap Creek,	A. R. Yales,	20	2	2	2	3		37
Globe,	J. H. Cook, F. P. Moore,	14	2		10		1	83
Howard's Creek,	E. J. Norris, Edmond Green, R. J. Minton,	10	2			1		37
John's River,	E. D. Crisp,		1					9
Laurel Springs,	Asa Brown, L. Green, Joseph Brown,				2			55
Meat Camp,	David Green, W. M. Green, Manly Green,	10			5	1	2	117
Mt. Pleasant,	W. H. Canter, Solomon Yonce,	15			9	3	2	124
Mt. Zion No. 2,	James Presnell, O J. Presnell,	3				4	2	41
Mt. Zion N. 1,	E. F. Jones, I. Daugherty, P. Greer,	32	5	1	9	1		194
Mt. Gilead,	E. Isaacs, J. Palmer, J. F. McBride,	10	1			3		63
Mulberry,	M. P. Edmisten,	2	2					35
Pisgah,	J. F. Crisp,	4					1	25
South Fork,	Wiley Church, Felix McGuire,	2		2	4	6	1	96
Three Forks,	C. J. Cottrell, J. H. Brown, J. M Brown,	15	6	3	4	3	2	165
Sampson,	J. P. Robbins, G. W. Robbins,				1			38
Yadkin,	W. B. Farthing, J. B Moore		2	1	1			38
		259	56	27	78	44	25	2,202

CHURCHES, PASTORS WITH THEIR POST OFFICES, &c.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST-OFFICE.	Ordained Ministers.	Licentiates.	Sabbath of meeting and Saturday before.
Antioch	D. C. Harman	Watauga Falls, Watauga county, N. C	2	2	1st
Bethel	A. C. Farthing	Sweet Water, Watauga county, N. C	3	1	4th
Brushy Fork	J. J. L. Sherwood	Boone, Watauga county, N. C	....	1	2nd
Beaver Dam	D. C. Harman	Sweet Water, Watauga county, N. C	2	...	2nd
Beech Mountain No. 1	J. C. Johnson	Banners Elk, Watauga county, N. C	....	...	3rd
Bethany	Warren Moore	Patterson, Caldwell county, N. C	....	...	2nd
Boone	I. W. Thomas	Boone, Watauga county, N. C	1	...	4th
Big Laurel	Wm. Canter and J. C. Johnson	Grayson, Ashe county, N. C	1	1	4th
Beech Mountain No. 2	Stephen Buchanan	Dark Ridge, Watauga county, N. C	1	...	1st
Cove Creek	J. J. L. Sherwood	Sugar Grove, Watauga county, N. C	2	...	3rd
Flat Top	A. C. Farthing	Blowing Rock, Watauga county, N. C	1	...	3rd
Gap Creek	T. W. Duncan	Gap Creek, Ashe county, N. C	....	...	3rd
Globe	J. L. Sherwood	Globe, Caldwell county, N. C	1	...	4th
Howard's Creek	John Hughes	Sands, Watauga county, N. C	....	...	3rd
John's River	Isaac Smith	Globe, Caldwell county, N. C	....	...	2nd
Laurel Springs	Asa Brown, J. F. Eller	Rotherwood, Watauga county, N. C	1	...	4th
Meat Camp	J. C. Johnson	Norris, Watauga county, N. C	....	...	1st
Mt. Pleasant	A. C. Farthing	Gap Creek, Ashe county, N. C	....	...	1st
Mt. Zion No. 2	A. J. Harman, J. Presnell	Watauga Falls, Watauga county, N. C	1	...	3rd
Mt. Zion No. 1	E. F. Jones	Trade, Johnson, Tenn	1	...	4th
Mt. Gilead	J. C. Johnson	Beech Creek, Watauga county, N. C	1	...	2nd
Mulberry	E. M. Gragg	Risdon, Caldwell county, N. C	2	...	1st
Pisgah	Isaac Smith	Lenoir, Caldwell county, N. C	1	1	1st
South Fork	Wm. Wilcoxon	Elk X Roads, Ashe county, N. C	1	...	2nd
Three Forks	E. F. Jones	Sands, Watauga county, N. C	....	...	2nd
Sampson	A. S. Church	Buffalo Cove, Caldwell county, N. C	....	...	3rd
Yadkin	J. H. West	Patterson, Caldwell county, N. C	....	...	3rd

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MINISTERS AND OFFICERS.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Asa Brown,
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J. M. Harman,
A. S. Church,
William Wilcoxon,
Jacob Yonce,
Jacob Hagaman,
E. F. Jones,
W. F. Knight,
James Presnell,
J. J. L. Sherwood,
A. J. McBride,
J. C. Johnson,
Warren Moore,
Neal Campbell,
I. W. Thomas,
David Green.

LICENTIATES.

E. G. Harman,
W. A. Harman,
Thomas Swift,
Harrison Farthing.

OFFICERS.

MODERATOR:

A. C. Farthing, ... Sweet Water, N. C.

CLERK AND TREASURER:

D. C. Harman, ... Sugar Grove, N. C.

COLPORTEUR:

E. F. Jones, ... Trade, Tenn.

PROCEEDINGS.

THREE FORKS CHURCH, Sept. 15th, 1885.

The Three Forks Baptist Association met with this church to-day in its forty-fifth annual session.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. J. L. Sherwood. Text: "Do good to all men." Galations 6: 10.

After a suitable intermission the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder D. C. Harman.

Appointed J. J. T. Reece Reading Clerk.

Called for letters from the churches, which was brought forward by the delegates and read from all the churches composing this Union but Bethany and Sampson.

Organized for the session by electing Elder A. C. Farthing Moderator, and Elder D. C. Harman Clerk; Brethren N. G. Young and —— Curtis, tellers.

The Moderator announced that the body was ready for business.

A majority of the churches having reported in favor of the proposed amendment to the Constitution it was adopted.

Invited corresponding messengers to seats. Accepted by N. G. Walker, from Brushy Mountain Association, and N. G. Young, from New River.

Invited visiting ministers to seats. Accepted by Elder Larkin Hodges, from Stony Fork Association.

On motion, called for petitionary letters.

Bro. George Brown presented a letter from a newly constituted church at Fall Creek, together with confession of faith and constitution.

On motion of Elder J. A. Farthing, referred to committee on Arrangements and invited delegates to seats.

On motion, appointed brethren J. J. S. Reece and A. Roten and Elder J. J. L. Sherwood, with the Moderator and Clerk, a committee of Arrangements.

On motion of Elder J. A. Farthing, instructed the Moderator to make all temporary appointments for the session. The following were announced:

On Finance—Elder I. W. Thomas and Bro. G. A. Corpening.
On Education—Elders E. F. Jones and J. C. Johnson.
On Sunday Schools—Bro. A. Roten and Elder I. W. Thomas.
On Foreign Missions—Bro. Reuben Estes and Elder J. J. L. Sherwood.

On Temperance—Elders A. J. McBride and Jacob Yonce.
On Periodicals—Elder J. M. Harman and Bro. J. J. S. Reece.
On Correspondence—Elder J. A. Farthing and Bro. Wiley Church.
On Resolutions—Bro. George Sherrell and Elder E. F. Jones.
State Missions—Elder J. J. L. Sherwood and W. W. Presnell.
Devotional Exercises—Bro. Hugh Hagaman and H. R. Estes, with the pastor and delegates of this church.

Application being made by the following named churches, viz: John's River, Globe, Mulberry, Yadkin and Pisgah for letters of dismission to join with other regular Baptist churches, to organize a new Association,

On motion of Elder J. A. Farthing, their request was granted and the Clerk ordered to write their letters..

The committee on Preaching report that Elder A. C. Farthing preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m.

On motion, adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9½ o'clock a. m., and spend 30 minutes in devotional exercises. Prayer by Elder I. W. Thomas. Benediction by the Moderator.

MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 16th, 1885.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Spent 30 minutes in devotional exercises, conducted by Elder J. J. L. Sherwood.

Called the roll and marked absentees.

Read Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith.

Elder E. F. Jones announced that Elder J. E. Carter, representing the Blue Ridge *Baptist*, Bro. C. L. Smith, representing the BIBLICAL RECORDER, Bro. J. E. Ray, representing State Missions, and Bro. W. B. Clement, from Chowan, representing the Baptist Orphan Association, were present, all of whom were invited to seats. It was also announced that Elders Harvey West and William Pool, correspondents from the Brushy Mountain Association, were present, who were also welcomed to seats.

The following visiting brethren were announced: Elder N. B. Cobb, from Hickory, N. C., Brothers Elijah Crouch, from Missouri, and Thomas Gallaway, from Tennessee. They were invited to seats, which they accepted.

Read and approved the minutes of yesterday.

The committee to whom the letter and other papers from the church at Fall Creek was referred, reported favorably.

On motion, the church was received into our union and the delegates welcomed to seats.

Called on the Treasurer to report, who submitted the following report, which, on motion, was approved :

TREASURER'S REPORT.

D. C. HARMAN, *in account with* THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION.

1884				
Sept. 5	Received from the finance committee			$ 59 90
6	By public collection on Sunday			41 80
	Total received			$101 70
1884	DISBURSEMENTS.			
Sept. 23	Sent to Bro. Tupper for Foreign Missions	$20	50	
26	Sent to Bro. Montague for Indian Missions	41	80	
	Sent to Sunday Schools	1	00	
Nov. 17	Paid for printing of and postage on minutes	25	50	
Sept. 6	Credit by paid Clerk for services	7	32	
	To registering three letters at 13 cents		39	
	Total			96 51
1885				
Sept. 15	Balance in Treasurer's hands			$ 5 19

Called on the committee on State Missions to report, which was read by Elder J. J. L. Sherwood. Motion to adopt. Remarks by Elder J. E. Carter, Bro. J. E. Ray, J. J. L. Sherwood, and I. W. Thomas.

The hour for preaching having arrived, adjourned to hear a sermon from Elder Wm. Pool, who, by request of Elder A. C. Farthing, was appointed to preach in his place.

Assembled in the grove. Elder Pool preached to an attentive congregation. Text, "What think you of Christ?" Matthew 22 : 42.

Recess 40 minutes.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order by singing. Moderator in the chair.

The question being State Missions, a motion was made by Wm. Elrod to amend by striking out that part recommending co-operation with the State Board. Remarks by J. E. Carter, J. J. L. Sherwood and William Elrod. The report was then adopted as amended.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions signifies mission work within the limits of the State, supplying the vast destitution of the State with the gospel of Jesus. Every Bap-

tist in the State should feel a deep interest in this work. Their motto should be a Baptist church in every town and community in the State. The good work is being carried forward with great success. God is signally blessing this work. The Boards of the State and Western Baptist Conventions now have seventy men in the field laboring in almost every portion of the State that is not already occupied. We want Ashe and Alleghany counties cultivated. The State Board should put a good man in these counties at once. We have every reason to believe they will do so as soon as practicable.

All of which we respectfully submit,

J. J. L. SHERWOOD, *Chairman.*

A collection was taken, upon the adoption of the above report, for State Missions, amounting to $16.98, which was turned over to J. E. Ray, and pledges were taken, to be paid by next session of this body, as follows:

Antioch church, $3.00; Bethel, $5.00; Brushy Fork, $5.00; Beaver Dam, $5.00; Beech Mountain, No. 1, $1.00; Boone, $5.00; Big Laurel, $1.00; Beech Mountain, No. 2, $2.00; Cove Creek, $5.00; Gap Creek, $5.00; Howard's Creek, $2.00; John's River, $1.00; Meat Camp, 50 cents; Mt. Pleasant, $1.00; Mt. Zion, No. 2, $1.00; Mt. Zion, No. 1, $6.00; Mt. Gilead, $1.00; Mulberry, $2.00; Three Forks, $2.00. Total amount of pledges, $53.50.

The committee on preaching reported that Elder N. B. Cobb preach at the stand in the grove to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m.

On motion, adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9:30 o'clock a. m. Prayer, Elder N. B. Cobb leading. Benediction by the Moderator.

MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, Sept. 17th, 1885.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Singing conducted by the Moderator. Hymn, "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, &c. Prayer by A. Roten.

Read and approved the minutes of yesterday.

A motion prevailed to limit first speeches on each question to fifteen minutes, others to five minutes.

Called for the report on Sunday schools, which was read by I. W. Thomas. Motion to adopt. Remarks by Elder I. W. Thomas and Bro. J. E. Ray. Question taken and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sunday schools, report that we are glad to mark increased interest in the great Sunday school work in our churches. We recom-

mend that the delegates return to their churches and try to have Sunday schools all the year, and teach the people God's word in winter as well as in summer. More zeal, more heartfelt interest is what we need.

Our next Sunday school Convention meets at Cove creek church on Friday before the fifth Sunday in April next. Let all the churches send delegates to the Convention, and let us have a glorious year's work for the Master in this department of his glorious work.

I. W. THOMAS,
A. ROTEN,
Committee.

Called on the committee on Temperance to report. Read by Elder A. J. McBride. Motion to adopt. Remarks by Elder A. J. McBride. Motion by Elder E. F. Jones to amend by adding, "that this Association will, in the future, withdraw from any church which allows her members to make, use or sell intoxicating liquors. Remarks by Elders A. J. McBride, E. F. Jones, J. J. L. Sherwood, and the Moderator. Question taken and the report adopted as amended.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

From observation and general information, your committee feel justified in reporting favorably in regard to the cause of temperance. We think christians should unite in their efforts to eradicate this great evil, and every church ought to be a temperance society, and we believe it is wrong for church members to drink, buy or sell, or engage in the manufacture of intoxicating liquors, either directly or indirectly. Dear brethren, "touch not, taste not, handle not the unclean thing." This Association will, in the future, withdraw from any church which allows her members to make, use or sell intoxicating liquors.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. MCBRIDE, *Chairman.*

Called on the committee on Periodicals to report, which was read by Elder J. M. Harman. Motion to adopt. Remarks by Elder J. E. Carter.

The hour for preaching having arrived, on motion, adjourned to the grove to hear a sermon by Elder N. B. Cobb, who preached to a well ordered and attentive congregation. Text, "And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." John 1: 14.

Recess 40 minutes.

After partaking of an excellent dinner of good things provided on the grounds by the kind brothers, sisters and friends, as they had done the two previous days, re-assembled in the house at one o'clock p. m. Called to order by the Moderator.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The question being the report on Peoriodicals, it was further discussed by Elders J. A. Farthing and J. J. L. Sherwood, and adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee believe that the reading of religious papers that are sound in faith and doctrine, is a duty very closely assimilated to the reading of the Holy Scriptures, and hearing of the Word from the pulpit. We therefore recommend that all who can, take the *Blue Ridge Baptist*. The paper is sound, and its editor, Elder J. E. Carter, is devoting his entire time to make it equal to any. Also, the BIBLICAL RECORDER is a splendid paper, and worthy the support of Baptists throughout the State.

There are also other papers which are sound, such as the *Foreign Mission Journal*, the *Home Mission Journal*, &c., that should be patronized.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. HARMAN, *Chairman.*

Called on correspondents of last year to report, who reported satisfactorily.

Called on committee on Correspondence and Union Meetings to report, who submitted their report. On motion approved.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

We recommend as correspondents to the Brushy Mountain Association, Elders A. C. Farthing, D. C. Harman, E. F. Jones and I. W. Thomas. Catawba River Association, Elders John Crisp, J. J. L. Sherwood and J. C. Johnson and Bro. I. N. Corpening.

UNION MEETINGS.

A Union Meeting at Flat Top church on Friday before the 3d Sunday in June next, Elders J. A. Farthing, David Green and J. C. Johnson to attend.

J. A. FARTHING, *Chairman.*

Called on committee on Education to report. Read by Elder E. F. Jones. A motion being made to adopt, it was discussed by Bro. J. Spainhour, Elders William Pool, J. E. Carter, N. B. Cobb and I. W. Thomas, and Bro. J. E. Ray. Question called and adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee on Education report the following: Again we call the attention of our people to the common schools of our country, that they work together to make our common schools of a better grade, and more efficient in their work, and whenever suitable, build schools of higher grade, and not depend upon the free schools of our State alone. We call attention to Globe Academy as a school well worthy our patronage, having good, efficient Baptist teachers, and well located in a good community of christian people. We are glad that the people of our county are patronizing the Globe school liberally.

We recommend Wake Forest College to young men who want to go to College, especially young men who are preparing for the ministry and are ready to enter College, believing that the advantages at Wake Forest are equal to any in the South. We say educate by all means, but in good, sound, moral schools.

E. F. JONES,
J. C. JOHNSON,
Committee.

On motion, appointed the Clerk and Treasurer to superintend the printing and distribution of 700 copies of these minutes.

Called on the committee on Finance to report. Read by I. W. Thomas. On motion, adopted.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Received from the churches—	
For printing minutes and other expenses	$38 60
For Foreign Missions	31 90
For Home Missions	1 25
From the treasurer	5 19
Total received	$76 94
Allowed clerk for services	7 50

I. W. THOMAS, *Chairman.*

On motionof Elder W. F. Knight, the Association ordered that the treasurer pay to Elders J. C. Johnson and David Green $5.00 for labor done in a destitute locality.

Called on the committee on Resolutions to report, who submitted four resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved 1st, That this Association advise the churches and ministers to be more careful and considerate before letting off members to constitute new churches, and the ministry in organizing a presbytery for the same. Our cause has suffered by little weak churches that have no territory in which to operate. We have many weak organizations that are not able to build houses and support pastors.

Resolved 2d, That we advise all the pastors and churches in the bounds of this Association to take up regular collections for the Home Mission Board of the Baptist State Convention, as well as for Foreign Missions.

Resolved 3d, That we heartily endorse the efforts of the Baptists of North Carolina to establish and maintain a Baptist Orphanage in our State.

Resolved 4th, That this Association hereby tender their thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of this community for their hospitality manifested to the delegates and visitors of this session of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE SHERRELL,
E. F. JONES,
Committee.

Called on the committee on Foreign Missions to report, which was read by William Pool. Motion to adopt. Remarks by Bro. J. E. Ray and Elder E. F. Jones. Question taken and adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

By Foreign Missions we mean the spread of the gospel in foreign lands. The practicability of this proposition has ceased to be a question, and the obligation resting upon christians to strive for the accomplishment of this last command of our Lord, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," is surely not doubted for a moment by any of us. The Baptists of the South have 23 ministers and 26 ladies laboring as missionaries among the heathen, while we number about 1,000,000 actual communicants. We gave for the support of foreign missions about $85,000 last year, or 8 cents each. Now to incite the churches to enlarge their contributions to this work, we ask the brethren to read the words of the Lord in Phil. 4: 15—16; II Cor. 11: 8—9; II Cor. 9: 6—7.

H. R. ESTES, *Chairman.*

Called on Colporteur to report, which was read by the Colporteur. On motion, adopted.

COLPORTEUR'S REPORT.

Books and cash on hand at last Association	$30 33
Received of J. J. T. Reece, funds belonging to the Association	16 00
" of J. M. Brown, " " " "	13 85
Total	$60 18
Bought within the year, books at agents' prices, to the amount of	61 20
Books on hand	38 00
Cash	22 18

Respectfully,

E. F. JONES, *Colporteur.*

On motion, continued Elder E. F. Jones Colporteur.

Appointed the next session of this body to be held with the church at Laurel Springs, ten miles east of Boone, N. C., to convene on Tuesday before the 3rd Sunday in September, A. D. 1886, Elder I. W. Thomas to preach the introductory sermon; Elder J. M. Harman alternate.

On motion, adjourned to meet as above named. The Moderator made some appropriate and touching remarks. Closing exercises filled apparently with love and union among the brethren. Prayer, Elder I. W. Thomas leading.

Benediction by the writer.

A. C. FARTHING,
MODERATOR.

D. C. HARMAN, *Clerk.*

I neglected to say in the proper place that Bro. W. B. Clement, upon the adoption of resolution third, made some appropriate and touching remarks, pressing the claims of the Baptist Orphan Asylum upon the Baptists of North Carolina. We feel sure that the Baptists of this Association will contribute largely to this good work. CLERK.

Sunday School Table.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	No. of Schools.	No. of Teachers.	Average Attendance.	No. of Pupils.	Total.
Antioch	Marshall Greer	1	5	30	40	46
Bethel	Calvin Farthing	1	4	40	50	55
Brushy Fork	Isaac Maginnis	1	4	35	50	55
Beaver Dam	J. W. McLeod and J. G. Hagaman	2	8	82	137	145
Beech Mountain, No. 1	J. H. Gwyn and B. F. Patterson	2	--	----	----	----
Bethany	----------	--	--	----	----	----
Boone	----------	--	--	13	---	13
Big Laurel	William Glenn	1	--	----	----	----
Beech Mountain, No. 2	John McBride, Jr	1	5	45	91	97
Cove Creek	John McBride, Sr	1	10	53	90	101
Flat Top	----------	--	--	----	----	----
Gap Creek	J. B. Hopkins	1	6	75	81	88
Globe	F. P. Moore	1	6	50	75	81
Howard's Creek	----------	1	--	----	----	----
John's River	----------	--	--	----	----	----
Laurel Springs	----------	1	4	27	45	50
Meat Camp	----------	--	--	----	----	----
Mount Pleasant	----------	--	--	----	----	----
Mt. Zion, No. 2	Eli J. Harman	1	3	20	35	39
Mt. Zion, No. 1	Abraham Roten	1	6	65	109	113
Mt. Gilead	----------	1	--	----	----	----
Mulberry	----------	--	--	----	----	----
Pisgah	----------	--	--	----	----	----
South Fork	Elijah Tatum	1	4	30	30	34
Sampson	----------	--	--	----	----	----
Three Forks	A. B. Cook	1	6	40	57	63
Yadkin	----------	--	--	----	----	----
Fall Creek	----------	--	--	----	----	----
		19	55	605	890	980

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Rec'd by Baptism.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.
Antioch	D. C. Harman, J. M. Harman, J. B. Phillips	----	1	----	11	----	----	123
Bethel	J. A. Farthing, A. C. Farthing, L. W. Farthing	4	6	----	1	----	----	163
Brusby Fork	David Adams, L. M. Trivett	14	2	1	4	6	1	166
Beaver Dam	J. J. T. Reece, J. C. Johnson, George Sherrill	6	----	----	----	7	1	123
Beech Mountain, No. 1	J. C. Chapel, B. F. Patterson	2	1	----	----	4	----	44
Bethany		----	----	----	----	----	----	*57
Boone	W. W. Presnell, W. L. Bryan, J. A. Gritcher	----	----	----	----	2	----	27
Big Laurel	Neill Campbell, Newell Stewart	4	4	----	2	----	----	27
Beech Mountain, No. 2	Jacob Yonce Earvin Green	1	1	----	4	1	2	97
Cove Creek	John McBride, J. J. Mast	18	2	1	4	8	----	169
Flat Top	J. M. Payne, C. C. Green, William Elrod	1	4	1	5	----	----	56
Gap Creek	J. B. Hopkins, George W. Hopkins	----	2	----	----	1	----	38
Globe	I. N. Corpening, W. Y. Todd, H. R. Estes	3	4	1	10	----	3	76
Howard's Creek	E. G. Norris, Edmond Green, John Green	5	5	1	4	----	1	43
John's River	J. B. Phillips	4	3	----	----	----	----	15
Laurel Springs	Joseph Brown, J. R. Norris, Asa Brown	9	4	1	2	1	4	62
Meat Camp	David Green, R. G. Ragan	7	2	----	12	2	2	107
Mt. Pleasant	Solomon Yonce	4	1	----	----	6	1	123
Mt. Zion, No. 2	E. F. Presnell	13	4	3	----	2	----	59
Mt. Zion, No. 1	A. J. McBride, E. F. Jones, Abraham Roten	9	7	1	11	10	----	191
Mt. Gilead	Elias Isaac, John McBride, Jr., E. S. Dugger	13	2	4	2	2	----	78
Mulberry	A. S. Church, N. L. Edmisten, Joel M. Crisp	----	----	1	9	----	1	26
Pisgah	John Crisp,	----	2	----	----	----	1	25
South Fork	Wiley Church, J. Thomas McGuire	3	----	4	1	1	1	97
Sampson		----	----	----	----	----	----	*38
Three Forks	Eli Brown, J. M. Brown, C. J. Cottrell	9	3	4	7	4	----	168
Yadkin	M. C. Pennel, J. R. Moore	----	2	----	----	1	2	38
Fall Creek	G. W. Brown, T. A. Walsh	----	----	----	----	----	----	10
		129	62	23	79	58	20	2246

*Total of last year.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Foreign Missions.	Pastor's Salary.	Ministerial Education.	Sunday School.	Sunday School Literature.	Rec'ipts for Foreign Missions. 1885.	State Missions.	Other Objects.	Total for the year 1885.	Pledges to be paid within the year.
Antioch	$ 1 50	$ 4 75	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 6 25	$ 3 00
Bethel	3 00						20 00			23 00	5 00
Brushy Fork	3 00	7 85	75 00							10 85	5 00
Beaver Dam	2 00		20 00							22 00	5 00
Beech Mountain, No. 1	1 00	2 25	20 00				23 25				1 00
Bethany											
Boone	2 00		40 00				5 00			47 00	5 00
Big Laurel	1 00				1 25					2 25	1 00
Beech Mountain, No. 2	1 35	5 00	15 00							6 35	2 00
Cove Creek	2 00		100 00				10 00			112 00	5 00
Flat Top	90									90	
Gap Creek	1 00	1 00	40 00				1 00			43 00	5 00
Globe	2 00		100 00	4 00			37 74	10 67	29 13	183 54	
Howard's Creek	1 25									1 25	2 00
John's River	60									60	1 00
Laurel Springs	1 50									1 50	
Meat Camp	2 00	2 00								4 00	50
Mt. Pleasant	1 00									1 00	1 00
Mt. Zion, No. 2	1 00									1 00	1 00
Mt. Zion, No. 1	2 25		100 00			10 00	14 00	4 00		112 00	6 00
Mt. Gilead	1 50	2 50									1 00
Mulberry	1 00									1 00	2 00
Pisgah	50	*50								1 00	
South Fork	1 50	2 00								3 50	
Sampson											
Three Forks	2 60		100 00			4 70	10 00			117 30	2 00
Yadkin	1 00	1 55								2 55	
Fall Creek	50									50	
	$38 60	$29 40	$ 610 00	$ 4 00	$1 25	$14 70	$ 119 99	$14 67	$29 13	$ 564 09	$ 53 50

*Paid by J. A. Crisp.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS, WITH THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	STATE AND POST OFFICES.	Ordained Ministers.	Licentiates.	Time of meeting Sunday and Saturday before.
Antioch	J. M. Harman	Watauga Falls, N. C.	2	1	1st.
Bethel	A. C. Farthing	Sweet Water, N. C.	3	1	4th.
Brushy Fork	J. J. L. Sherwood	Sugar Grove, N. C.	----	3	2d.
Beaver Dam	J. A. Farthing	Sweet Water, N. C.	2	----	2d.
Beech Mountain, No. 1	J. C. Johnson	Sweet Water, N. C.	----	----	3d.
Bethany					
Boone	I. W. Thomas	Boone, N. C.	1	----	2d and 4th.
Big Laurel	Neill Campbell	Grayson, N. C.	1	1	4th.
Beech Mountain, No. 2	Jacob Yonce	Dark Ridge, N. C.	1	----	1st.
Cove Creek	J. J. L. Sherwood	Sugar Grove, N. C.	1	1	3d.
Flat Top	I. W. Thomas	Boone, N. C.	1	1	3d.
Gap Creek	T. M. Duncan	Beaver Creek, N. C.	----	----	3d.
Globe	J. J. L. Sherwood	Sugar Grove, N. C.	----	----	4th.
Howard's Creek	David Green	Sands, N. C.	----	----	3d.
John's River	Isaac Smith	Globe, N. C.	----	----	2d.
Laurel Springs	William Wilcoxon	Rutherwood, N. C.	1	----	4th.
Meat Camp	William Wilcoxon	Norris, N. C.	1	----	1st.
Mt. Pleasant	J. F. Eller	Gap Creek, N. C.	1	1	1st.
Mt. Zion, No. 2	Jas. Presnell and A. J. Harman	Watauga Falls, N. C.	1	----	3d.
Mt. Zion, No. 1	E. F. Jones	Zionville, N. C.	2	1	4th.
Mt. Gilead	J. C. Johnson	Beech Creek, N. C.	1	1	2d.
Mulberry	A. S. Church and W. Moore	Risden, N. C.	2	----	1st.
Pisgah	I. Smith and J. Crisp	Lenoir, N. C.	2	1	1st.
South Fork	William Wilcoxon	Elk X Roads, N. C.	1	----	2d.
Sampson			----	----	
Three Forks	E. F. Jones	Boone, N. C.	----	----	2d.
Yadkin	J. H. West	Patterson, N. C.	----	----	3d.
Fall Creek	Jacob Yonce	Dark Ridge, N. C.	----	----	3d.

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J. J. T. REESE, Clerk and Treasurer, Sweetwater, N. C.,

Elder E. F. JONES, Colporteur, Zionville, N. C.

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Preachers of the Association.

ORDAINED.

A. C. Farthing,
W. H. Canter,
J. A. Farthing,
Asa Brown,
R. P. Farthing,
A. J. Harman,
A. S. Church,
J. M. Harmon,
Wm. Wilcoxon,
Jacob Younce,
J. H. Farthing,
Jacob Hagaman,
E. F. Jones,
W. F. Knight,
J. M. Presnell,
J. J. L. Sherwood,
A. J. McBride,
J. C. Johnson,
Neal Campbell,
I. W. Thomas,
David Green,
I. Smith.
J. F. Eller.

LICENTIATES.

E. G. Harman,
J. M. PAYNE.
W. A. Harman.

The letters from Brushy Fork show four and Mt. Gilead one licentiate, but they do not give their names.

Clerk.

MINUTES.

THE Three Forks Association of Baptists convened in its forty-sixth anniversary in Laurel Spring Church house, Watauga county, N. C., September 14, 1886.

The annual sermon was preached by Elder I. W. Thomas, from 1st Cor. 15th chapter, 58th verse.

After an intermission of half an hour the messengers were called to order by Elder A. C. Farthing, Moderator.

Prayer was offered by Elder E. F. Jones.

Appointed W. W. Presnell and J. J. T. Reese to read the letters from the churches, and enrolled the names of messengers as follows. (See statistical table.)

Officers were chosen for the ensuing year by ballot, viz: Elder A. C. Farthing, Moderator; J. J. T. Reese, Clerk and Treasurer; W. A. Pool and J. F. Spainhour acting as tellars.

Called for newly constituted churches. Received Zion Hill Church by petition, together with Confession of Faith and Constitution; and Elk Knob by letter from the Watauga Association, Tennessee.

Invited corresponding messengers and visiting brethren to seats, whereupon T. C. Land and J. F. Spainhour from Brushy Mountain Association, W. A. Pool from Caldwell County Association, W. B. McBride and James Brown from Watauga Association and Senter Tatam, from Mo., accepted.

On motion the Moderator was authorized to appoint all committees, whereupon he appointed—on

FINANCE—Hugh Hagaman and W. W. Presnell.

EDUCATION—E. F. Jones and J. F. Spainhour.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL—Geo. Roten and J. J. T. Reese.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—J. J. L. Sherwood and W. A. Pool.

HOME AND STATE MISSIONS—W. W. Presnell and I. W. Thomas.

TEMPERANCE—Tho. Cook and E. F. Jones.

PERIODICALS—J. F. Spainhour and W. S. Farthing.
CORRESPONDENCE—C. Younce and Asa Brown.
RESOLUTIONS—Wiley Church and Asa Brown.
DEVOTIONAL EXERCISE—John McBride, W. W. Presnell, D. D. Woodruff, with the delegates of Laurel Spring Church.

ARRANGEMENTS—J. J. L. Sherwood, E. F. Jones, T. P. Adams, with the Moderator and Clerk.

The Committee on Devotional Exercise reported Elder W. A. Pool at 10:30 o'clock A. M., to-morrow and Elder D. F. Manley at 12:30 o'clock P. M.

On motion adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning and spend half an hour in devotional exercises.

Prayer by W. A. Pool.

MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Spent 30 minutes in devotional exercises conducted by Elder J. H. Farthing.

Called the roll and erased absentees.

Read and approved minutes of yesterday.

Read Rules of Decorum.

On motion the following committe was appointed on the Baptist Orphanage, viz: W. S. Farthing, T. P. Adams, W. A. Pool.

Adopted the following report on

ARRANGEMENTS.

I. Read and approve minutes of yesterday.
II. Call roll and mark absentees.
III. Read Rules of Decorum.
IV. Call on Committee on Education to report.
V. Consider the propriety of attaching ourselves to one of the conventions.
VI. Call on Committee on Home and State Missions to report.
VII. Hear the Treasurer's report.
VIII. Call on Financial Committee to report.
IX. Call on Committee on Foreign Missions to report.
X. Call on Committee on Sunday-Schools to report.
XI. Call on Committee on Temperance to report.
XII. Call on Committee on Resolutions to report.

XIII. Call on Committee on Periodicals to report.

XIV. Call on Committee on Correspondence to report.

XV. Consider the propriety of forming a Watauga County Association.

XVI. Consider the propriety of appointing Union Meetings.

XVII. Appoint time, place and preacher for next Association.

XVIII. Call on Committee to re-district Association to report.

XIX. Appoint some one to superintend the printing and distribution of minutes.

XX. Call on Colporteur to report.

XXI. Call on Committee on Baptist Orphanage to report.

On motion by I. W. Thomas the following Committee was appointed to re-district the Association: E. F. Jones, J. J. L. Sherwood and I. W. Thomas.

On motion it was ordered that the Treasurer's report be read, which was approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

D. C. Harman, in account with Three Forks Association.

1885. DR.

Sept. 17.—To amount received from Finance Committee for Minutes, &c		$38	60
" For Foreign Missions		31	90
" For Home Missions		1	25
" From Treasurer		5	19
Total received			$76 94

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Sept. 17.—By paid Elders J. C. Johnson and D. Green for services	$5	00	
" Paid Clerk for services	7	50	
28.—Sent F. H. Briggs for Home Missions	1	25	
" Foreign Missions	31	00	
Oct. 28.—For Printing of and Postage on Minutes	25	00	
" Postage on Manuscript		35	
" Registered Letter		13	
" " "		13	
			$70 36
Balance in Treasurer's hands			$ 6 58

The Moderator invited corresponding and visiting brethren to seats. Elder D. F. Manley from Nolachucka Association, Tenn., came forward.

It was announced that the hour for preaching had arrived. Elder W. A. Pool went to the stand.

Called on Committee on Education to report, which was read by Prof. J. F. Spainhour.

Motion to adopt. Remarks by D. F. Manley, J. F. Spainhour, E. F. Jones, I. W. Thomas, and the Moderator.

The report was amended by recommending Globe Academy, Cove Creek Academy, and Moravian Falls Academy, and then adopted, viz :

EDUCATION.

The prosperity of our country, in a great measure, depends upon the education of the masses ; the only system of schools that can ever reach the masses is a public system. Our system under its present management can never accomplish this, hence the importance of improving it. To supply the deficiency on part of the public schools, and to give an academic training we have a number of good academies. We would also urge upon young men, especially young ministers, the importance of obtaining still a higher education than these schools can give, and would recommend Wake Forest College as the best place to obtain the collegiate training. (See amendment.)

E. F. JONES,
J. F. SPAINHOUR,
Committee.

Adjourned one hour and thirty minutes, with the understanding that Elder D. F. Manley preach in the time, who delivered a telling discourse.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order by singing. Moderator in the chair.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended, and Bethany Church asking a letter of dismission to join the Caldwell Association was granted, and the Clerk ordered to write their letter.

On motion the following resolution was considered:

RESOLVED, That this Association now attach itself to the Baptist State Convention.

Discussed by E. F. Jones, I. W. Thomas, J. J. L. Sherwood, Prof. Spainhour, and W. S. Farthing.

A motion was offered in lieu—"Shall we attach ourselves to one of the conventions?" Motion lost.

Received the report on Home and State Missions, and took the following pledges for same, to be paid within the year: Antioch, $1; Bethel, $10; Brushy Fork, $5; Beaverdam, $5; Boone, $5; Cove Creek, $5; Flat Top, $3; Delegates of Meat Camp, $2; Joseph Brown, $1; Mt. Zion No. 1, $10; Three Forks, $5; Elk Knob, $1. Total, $53. Adopted the report after amended.

HOME AND STATE MISSIONS.

At no period in our history as Baptists have greater efforts been made than are being made this year by the Boards of the State and Western Convention to supply every available destitution in the whole State with the Gospel—our own mountain section not being overlooked. The Western Convention has had Bro. T. M. Honeycutt, an excellent minister of the Gospel, at Sparta, Alleghany county, and in parts of Ashe. The State Board has had Bro. E. F. Jones for a part of his time in the Northern part of Ashe county, and Bro. W. A. Pool for a part of his time at Lenoir. We recommend that the Churches of this Association consider the propriety of uniting with the State Convention and instruct their messengers to the next Association; and that we do all we can now to help support a Missionary in Ashe county. It is believed there are destitute places in the bounds of the Three Forks Association that ought to have immediate attention. We beg the Association to trust in God and pledge for Home and State Missions to the full extent of our ability.

W. W. PRESNELL,
I. W. THOMAS,
Committee.

Adopted the report on

FINANCE.

Received from the Churches—for printing Minutes	$34 85
For State Missions	19 00
For Foreign Missions	6 17
For Bro. Honeycutt	1 00
From Treasurer	6 60
Total amount	$67 62
Paid Clerk for services	$7 00
Paid Clerk for stationary	50
Balance of Minute Fund	33 45

HUGH HAGAMAN,
W. W. PRESNELL,
Committee.

A motion prevailed to adjourn to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning and spend half an hour in devotional exercises.

The Committee on Preaching reported J. J. L. Sherwood at half-past ten o'clock to-morrow; A. C. Farthing and W. A. Pool afterwards.

Prayer by Elder E. F. Jones.

MORNING SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Spent 30 minutes in singing and prayer, conducted by the Moderator.

The Committee on Preaching reported as follows: Elder J. H. Brown at half-past ten o'clock; at intermission Elder W. A. Pool; closing exercises Elder E. F. Jones.

An invitation was extended to J. F. Eller of Stoney Fork, and Elder J. F. Brown of the Brushy Mountain Associations, who accepted seats in the body.

A motion prevailed that W. A. Pool make such report to the BIBLICAL RECORDER of this Association as he thinks prudent.

On motion, the speeches were limited to ten minutes on all subjects.

Foreign Missions being called for Elder W. A. Pool read the report.

On motion received the report. Sharp remarks were

made by E. F. Jones, W. A. Pool, J. F. Spainhour, D. Green, Moderator and others.

Took the following pledges for Foreign Missions, viz.: Bethel, $5; Antioch, $1.50; Brushy Fork, $5; Beaverdam, $3; $1 paid by G. P. Sherrill; Boone, $3; L. W. McGuire, $1; Cove Creek, $10; Flat Top, $1; Gap Creek, $5; Howard's Creek, $1; Joseph Brown, 50 cts., paid; Laurel Springs, $3; 50 cts., paid; Meat Camp, $1; Mt. Zion, No. 1, $10; South Fork, $2; Three Forks, $10; Fall Creek, $1.

On motion W. A. Pool was authorized to take a collection at the stand for the Baptist Orphanage.

Adopted the following report on

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

By Foreign Missions we mean the work of preaching the gospel to people in foreign lands. This work is accomplished by us through the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Richmond, Va. Our duty to perform this work is clearly taught in the Scriptures, particularly in the commission, Matthew 28 chap., 19-20 vs. We now have about one hundred men and women, Americans and natives, at work in China, Liberia, Africa, Italy, Brazil and Mexico. And the cry is, more men and more means. We expended less than $100,000,000 in the work last year. Brethren, the Lord is blessing our work in foreign lands beyond what we could expect from the efforts made. We advise every Church in this Association to do something in this work during the coming year.

J. J. L. Sherwood,
W. A. Pool,
Committee.

On motion received the report on Sunday-Schools. After receiving due notice by several of the brethren adopted the report on

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

We find that several of the letters do not report Sunday-Schools but from information we learn that most of

the Churches have good schools. Several have schools all the year. We would advise that if the Churches want good live Schools elect the most active, progressive, mission-spirited men they have for Superintendents and Teachers. If they will talk and pray over their Schools the Lord will bless them and build them up. Every School should have a library. Now we suggest that the best way to raise the means is to begin a year in advance, let all the School, and others who will, subscribe to pay an equal amount within the year to be paid quarterly, and you will have it. We recommend the Schools to use the lesson helps from the American Baptist Publishing Society. We also recommend KIND WORDS and THE YOUNG REAPER for our Schools. Our next Sunday-School Convention will be held at Three Forks Church, two miles east of Boone, beginning Friday before the Fifth Sunday in May, 1887.

GEORGE ROTEN,
J. J. T. REESE,
Committee.

Temperance being next in order, on motion received the report. Remarks by Jones and Thomas. Adopted the following report on

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance is glad to note that the cause of Temperance is rapidly gaining ground. There are more than two millions of the best people in the United States that are determined that the great liquor cause shall be banished from our fair land, and more than two hundred thousand of our best men and women are praying and working to remove the curse from our beloved State, North Carolina. We advise our ministers to preach Temperance in their pulpits, by the fireside, and wherever they have opportunity, although the devil is making and will still make a hard fight of it, for the liquor cause is the right arm of his fiendish power. We advise our people to practice total abstinance at home and abroad. Use moral suasion in their families and communities and at the ballot box whenever opportunity affords, to drive it from our land. We expect all Baptists to take a bold stand against the

making, selling, or using intoxicating liquors. In this fight let none compromise with the devil.

E. F. JONES,
THO. COOK,
Committee.

Adjourned 45 minutes.

EVENING SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment. On motion adopted the following resolutions :

WHEREAS there has been some complaint in the bounds of this Association in regard to ordaining Ministers and constituting Churches prematurely to the detriment of of the cause of Christ in general ; therefore,

RESOLVED, 1st. That we advise the Churches and and Ministers of this Association to be careful in future in regard to this matter, even more so than they have been in the past, notwithstanding we admit that under some circumstances small bodies may be authorized to transact business as a Church, still we think the constituting of very weak bodies has a pernicious effect. We further advise that Ministers of the Association be more careful in ordaining men to the work of the Ministry. We also state that it is the sense of this body, that Ministers of one Association should not ordinarily come into the bounds of another Association and constitute Churches and ordain Ministers, from the fact that such Ministers being strangers, cannot have the necessary information in regard to qualification, either mentally or morally.

RESOLVED, 2d. That this Association tender its most sincere thanks for the cordial reception and entertainment the brethren, sisters and friends have given it and the visitors at this session.

RESOLVED, 3d. That notwithstanding we have failed to join either of the Conventions, owing to our divided condition, still we are in hearty sympathy with them in their work and will continue to contribute to missionary work in the State in the future as in the past.

WILEY CHURCH,
ASA BROWN,
Committee.

Received the report on Books and Periodicals. After

some remarks by way of approval by Prof. Spainhour, W. S. Farthing and J. H. Farthing, adopted the report on

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

In order to attain that degree of Christian usefulness and perfection required by our Divine Master, it is necessary that we, as Baptists, read sound religious books and such of our religious newspapers and journals as will promote our spiritual development, strengthen us in the faith, and give us a knowledge of the wants of our fellow men in every land, which we, as Missionary Baptists, should have. We therefore recommend our people to take and carefully read the BIBLICAL RECORDER and the WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST, especially the RECORDER.

We especially recommend KIND WORDS, published at Macon, Ga., and THE YOUNG REAPER, at Philadelphia, as worth their weight in gold to the children.

J. F. SPAINHOUR,
W. S. FARTHING,
Committee.

On motion received the following report on correspondence.

We recommend as correspondents: To Watauga Association, Elders E. F. Jones and J. H. Farthing; to Brushy Mountain, Elders I. W. Thomas and J. J. L. Sherwood; to Caldwell County Association, Elders A. C. Farthing, David Green, Asa Brown and J. J. L. Sherwood; Mitchell County Association, Elders J. C. Johnson and A. C. Farthing; Catawba Association, J. J. L. Sherwood, E. F. Jones and T. P. Adams; New River, J. J. L. Sherwood, A. C. Farthing and Asa Brown.

ASA BROWN,
SENTER YOUNCE,
Committee.

Called on correspondents of last year to report.

On motion Union Meetings were granted to the following Churches, and at the times mentioned: Mt. Pleasant, Friday before 3d Sunday in November. To be present, David Green, J. H. Farthing and Asa Brown; Antioch, Friday before the 1st Sunday in May, E. F. Jones and J. J. L. Sherwood; Howard's Creek, Friday before 3d Sun-

day in June, J. H. Farthing, A. C. Farthing; Meat Camp, Friday before the 1st Sunday in June, A. C. Farthing, J. J. L. Sherwood.

After amendment appointed the

NEXT ASSOCIATION

of this body to be held at Beaverdam Church, 13 miles North-West of Boone, N. C., to convene on Tuesday after the second Sunday in September, 1887. Elder J. M. Harman to preach the annual sermon—David Green, alternate.

On motion adopted the following report on re-districting the Association:

Your Committee on Re-districting the Association report the Rich Mountain as the dividing line, recommending the Association to meet alternately east and west of said mountain.

E. F. JONES,
JOS. J. L. SHERWOOD,
I. W. THOMAS,
Committee.

On motion the Clerk was authorized to have 700 copies of the minutes of this meeting published and distribute as usual.

Received and adopted the following report of

COLPORTEUR.

Books and cash on hand at last Association, $60.18. Bought and sold books within the year, about $25.00. Books on hand, $34.00; cash, $26.18.

E. F. JONES, Colporteur.

On motion continued E. F. Jones, colporteur, requesting him to appoint whomsoever he desires to deposit books and tracts with, and assist him is selling them.

Adopted the following report on the

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

We are glad to know that the Baptist Churches of North Carolina now have in successful operation a home for poor orphan children, with our worthy brother J. H. Mills at its head. The institution was organized in 1884. Three hundred acres of land was soon thereafter bought near Thomasville, N. C. Since the organization more

than $15,000 have been contributed, four buildings have been erected, and five more are now building. There are now about forty children in the Orphanage, and others are waiting admission as soon as room shall be made. We advise our brethren and sisters everywhere to contribute liberally to this worthy object of charity, and let their prayers accompany their alms.

Send all your contributions to J. H. Mills, Thomasville, N. C.

W. S. FARTHING,
T. P. ADAMS,
W. A. POOL,
Committee.

Took a collection at the stand and church for the Orphanage, which amounted to $18.60.

On motion adopted the following resolution, viz :

RESOLVED, That the churches report all church expenses, including pastor's salary, in their letters to the Association.

Adjourned to meet at the time and place named ; the Moderator having filled the chair with becoming dignity; a song and an old-fashioned hand-shaking closed the exercises.

ELDER A. C. FARTHING, Moderator.

J. J. T. REESE, Clerk.

A Sunday-School table could not be given from the fact that but few churches reported their schools ; some that did report were so vague that statistics could not be gathered. As we have a Sunday-School Convention where the reports are made, we suppose they thought it not necessary.

CLERK.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Rec'ed by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.
Antioch	J. W. Rame, J. C. Greer	.....	12	...	21	3	...	109
Bethel	L. W. Farthing, W. S. Farthing, C. S. Farthing	1	8	...	11	1	2	158
Beaverdam	J. J. T. Reese, G. P. Sherrill, Hugh Hagaman	11	2	1	7	3	1	125
Beech Mountain	L. W. McGuire	7	.....	6	2	5	...	103
Bethany	Joshua Curtis, L. A. Greene	.....	3	...	2	2	...	57
Big Laurel	Alexander Hagaman, William Glenn, I. R. Hayes	2	3	...	.....	...	1	25
Boone	L. L. Greene, W. W. Presnell	1	.....	...	.....	...	...	28
Brushy Fork	J. L. Hayes, L. M. Trivette, J. F. Davis	2	2	...	7	5	1	157
Cove Creek	John McBride, T. P. Adams, J. H. Mast	3	9	1	5	6	3	168
Elk Knob	J. J. L. Church	5	.....	3	.....	...	2	37
Flat Top	J. M. Payne, J. M. Harty	1	1	2	2	1	1	56
Fall Creek	W. B. Norris	3	2	...	.....	...	...	15
Gap Creek	J. B. Hopkins, A. R. Yates	1	1	...	1	1	...	39
Howard's Creek	John Norris, R. J. Minton, E. J. Norris	.....	4	...	5	2	...	39
Laurel Spring	Joseph Brown, Larkin Greene, Bartlett Brown	13	3	1	1	...	...	78
Meat Camp	R. G. Ragan, J. C. Ragan, L. A. Greene	4	.....	1	6	3	1	102
Mt. Calvary	A. M. Johnson	21	.....	1	2	...	...	66
Mt. Gilead	R. L. Palmer, Elias Isaacs	1	2	...	6	2	3	66
Mt. Pleasant	D. D. Woodruff, Joel Blackburn, Presley Shepherd	6	.....	...	11	2	4	116
Mt. Zion, No. 1	Andrew Grier, George Roten, Senter Younce	12	6	1	14	4	1	182
Mt. Zion, No. 2	J. M. Presnell	.....	.....	...	16	4	...	39
South Fork	Elijah Tatam, Wiley Church, J. T. McGuire	1	.....	...	.....	3	...	81
Three Forks	Thomas Cook, C. J. Cottrell, S. M. Bingham	7	6	...	6	3	1	169
Zion Hill	E. G. Harman, D. W. Hagaman	.....	4	...	.....	...	...	29
		102	68	17	125	50	21	2044

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FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Foreign Missions.	Home and State Missions.	Baptist Orphanage.	Sunday-School Literature.	Receipts for Foreign Missions 1886.	Receipts for State Missions for 1886.	Pastor's Salary.	Total for 1886.	Pledges to be paid in 1877.
Antioch	$ 1 65	$ 1 50	$ 1 00						$ 1 65	$ 2 50
Bethel	3 00	5 00	10 00	$5 00			$ 7 50	$ 45 47	60 97	15 00
Beaverdam	2 00	3 00	5 00		$18 86		5 00		26 00	8 00
Beech Mountain	1 50	1 00					2 00		3 50	1 00
Bethany										
Big Laurel	1 00						1 00		2 00	
Boone	2 00	3 00	5 00				1 70		3 70	8 00
Brushy Fork	2 50	5 00	5 00				5 00		7 50	10 00
Cove Creek	2 00	10 00	5 00			$6 17	5 00		13 17	15 00
Elk Knob	65		1 00				1 00		1 65	1 00
Flat Top	90	1 00	3 00						90	4 00
Fall Creek	75	1 00							75	1 00
Gap Creek	1 25	5 00						40 00	41 25	5 00
Howard's Creek	1 00	1 00							1 00	1 00
Laurel Springs	2 00	3 00	1 00						2 00	4 00
Meat Camp	1 50	1 00	2 00				50		2 00	3 00
Mt. Calvary	1 50								1 50	
Mt. Gilead	1 50						1 00		2 50	
Mt. Pleasant	1 40									
Mt. Zion, No. 1	2 50	10 00	10 00		7 00	5 00	16 00	100 00	130 50	20 00
Mt. Zion, No. 2	50								50	
South Fork	1 50	2 00							1 50	2 00
Three Forks	2 50	10 00	5 00		6 00	6 40	2 00	100 00	141 90	15 00
Zion Hill	1 00								1 00	
	$34 85	$62 50	$53 00	$5 00	$31 86	$17 57	$47 70	$285 47	$447 44	$115 50

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND POST-OFFICE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND ADDRESS.	Ordained Ministers.	Licentiates.	Time of meeting Sunday and Saturday before.
Antioch	J. H. Farthing	Jones C. Greer, Watauga Falls, N. C.	.....	...	1st.
Bethel	A. C. Farthing	H. H. Farthing, Sweetwater, N. C.	5	...	4th.
Beaverdam	J. C. Johnson	Hugh Hagaman, Sweetwater, N. C.	2	...	2d.
Beech Mountain	Jacob Younce	L. W. McGuire, Dark Ridge, N. C.	1	...	1st.
Beethany	I. Smith	Joshua Curtis, Patterson, N. C	.....	...	2d.
Big Laurel	Neal Campbell	Hugh Hagaman, jr., Eastridge, Tenn	1	...	4th.
Boone	I. W. Thomas	W. L. Bryan, Boone, N. C.	1	...	4th.
Brushy Fork	J. J. L. Sherwood	L. M. Trivette, Boone, N. C.	.....	4	2d.
Cove Creek	J. J. L. Sherwood	J. J. Mast, Sugar Grove, N. C.	1	1	3d.
Elk Knob	David Greene	L. A. Wilson, Sutherland, N. C.	1	...	.....
Flat Top	I. W. Thomas	Wm. Elrod, Blowing Rock, N. C.	1	1	3d.
Fall Creek	Jacob Younce	G. W. Brown, Dark Ridge, N. C.	.....	...	2d.
Gap Creek	I. W. Thomas	L. M. Miller, Gap Creek, N. C.	.....	...	1st.
Howard's Creek	William F. Knight	J. E. Norris, Sands, N. C.	.....	...	3d.
Laurel Springs	William Wilcoxon	Larkin Greene, Rutherwood, N. C.	.....	...	4th.
Meat Camp	W. Wilcoxon, and D. Greene	L. A. Greene, Norris, N. C.	1	...	1st.
Mt. Calvary	J. C. Johnson	A. M. Johnson, Banner Elk, N. C.	.....	...	3d.
Mt. Gilead	J. C. Johnson	Jno. F. McBride, Beech Creek, N. C.	.....	1	4th.
Mt. Pleasant	J. F. Eller	Presley Shepherd, Gap Creek, N. C.	1	...	1st.
Mt. Zion, No. 1	E. F. Jones	J. C. Jones, Zionville, N. C.	1	1	4th.
Mt. Zion, No. 2	J. M. Presnell	Samuel Hicks, Watauga Falls, N. C.	.....	...	.....
South Fork	William Wilcoxon	J. S. Stanberry, Elk Cross Roads, N. C	.....	...	2d.
Three Forks	E. F. Jones	S. N. Bingham, Horton, N. C.	.....	...	2d.
Zion Hill	A. J. Harman, J. H. Farthing	D. W. Hagaman, Watauga Falls, N. C	1	...	2d.

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OFFICERS:

Elder A. C. FARTHING, Moderator, . . . Sweetwater, N. C.
J. J. T. REESE, Clerk and Treasurer, . . Sweetwater, N. C.
Elder E. F. JONES, Colporteur, ... Zionville, N. C.

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Ministers of Association with their Post Offices.

Brown, Asa	Rutherwood, N. C.
Canter, Wm. H.	Key Station, N. C.
Campbell, Neal	Mit, Tenn.
**Davis, J. F.*	Vilas, N. C.
Duncan, T. M.	Beaver Creek, N. C.
Farthing, J. H.	Sweetwater, N. C.
Farthing, R. P.	Watauga Falls, N. C.
Farthing, A. C.	Sweetwater, N. C.
Farthing, J. A., (died Jan. 6, 1887.)	Sweetwater, N. C.
Green, David	Norris, N. C.
Green, Solomon	Rutherwood, N. C.
Green, Jacob	Sugar Grove, N. C.
Green, Wiseman	Sugar Grove, N. C.
Holsclaw, T. C.	Elk Park, N. C.
Hagaman, J. G.	Sweetwater, N. C.
Harman, A. J.	Watauga Falls, N. C.
Harman, E. G.	Watauga Falls, N. C.
Harman, J. M.	Watauga Falls, N. C.
Johnson, J. C.	Sweetwater, N. C.
Jones, E. F.	Zionville, N. C.
Jones, W. L.	Wake Forest, N. C.
Knight, W. F.	Blowing Rock, N. C.
McGinnis, Geo. W.	Vilas, N. C.
McBride, John F.	Beech Creek, N. C.
McGinnis, I. J.	Penley, N. C.
Palmer, R. L.	Beech Creek, N. C.
Payne, J. M.	Penley, N. C.
Sherwood, J. J. L.	Sugar Grove, N. C.
Thomas, I. W.	Boone, N. C.
Wilson, L. A.	Sutherland, N. C.
Wilcoxon, Wm.	Gap Creek, Ashe Co., N. C.
Younce, Jacob	Beech Creek, N. C.

*Names in *italics* are Licentiates.

The Clerk of the Southern Baptist Convention re-

quests the Clerks of the Associations to arrange ministers names alphabetically and give post office. Not only does the S. B. C. desire Minutes of our Association, but many other Conventions and Societies of Baptists in the United States, for statistical information. To give the required information, I request the churches in the future to use printed blanks for their Association letters. In filling, their attention will, at the proper places, be called to all needed information. A great many things are omitted in the written letters, and the Clerks have no way, very often, of supplying the lack—as in case of South Fork Church. The letter reports one ordained minister, but omits his name. We are stronger numerically and financially than our statistics show. While I trust we would prefer meekness to vanity, yet it is due the denomination that it be presented in its true colors. In regard to numbers, I would say that most of the churches, if not all, do not report in their Association letters those lettered from their churches, which I think should be done as long as they hold such letters, for they are certainly under the discipline of that church till joined to another. Then it becomes the duty of the latter church to notify the former of the act. In the last year's Minutes we see—Dismissed by letter 125 ; received by letter 68—a discrepancy of 57 holding their letters and not reported. Likewise our financial table does not report perhaps more than one-half the means contributed to the cause. But I would apologize for these suggestions, fearing there may be objections. CLERK.

MINUTES.

THE THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION OF BAPtist convened in its forty-seventh anniversary in Beaverdam Church house, Watauga county, N. C., September 13, 1887.

The annual sermon was delivered by Elder J. M. Harmon, from 2nd Cor. 10 chapter 4 verse.

After an intermission of half an hour, the Messengers were called to order by Elder A. C. Farthing, Moderator of last year.

Prayer was offered by Elder E. F. Jones. Appointed I. W. Thomas and W. W. Presnell to read the letters from the churches, and enroll the names of messengers. (See statistical table.)

Officers were chosen for the ensuing year by ballot, viz: Elder A. C. Farthing, Moderator; J. J. T. Reese, Clerk; S. M. Callis and D. W. Thomason, acting as tellers.

On motion invited correspondents and visiting ministers to seats, whereupon Elder S. M. Callis and John A. Miller from the Mitchell County Association, accepted.

From New River Association, Rev. T. J. Woodson, correspondent.

From Brushy Mountain, T. C. Land, correspondent.

From Catawba Association, Rev. M. V. Makemson, correspondent.

From Alleghany Association, Rev. D. W. Thomason, visitor.

On motion, agreed that visiting ministers and brethren hereafter be invited to seats by the Moderator.

On motion, appointed the following committees: On

Finance—W. W. Presnell, I. W. Thomas.

Education—J. J. L. Sherwood, C. J. Woodson.

Sunday-Schools—Asa Brown, D. W. Thomason.

Foreign Missions—I. W. Thomas, W. S. Farthing.

Home and State Missions—J. G. Hagaman, W. S. Farthing.

Temperance—W. S. Farthing, S. M. Callis.

Periodicals—E. F. Jones, Asa Brown.

Correspondence—D. D. Woodruff, I. W. Thomas.

Resolutions—Hugh Hagaman, J. H. Farthing.

Religious Exercise—Pastor and Messengers of Beaverdam church.

Arrangements—Joseph Brown, I. W. Thomas.

On motion, a committee of two was appointed on the Baptist Orphanage, viz: T. J. Woodson and D. W. Thomason.

On motion, Clingman Capel and Jacob Younce were appointed a committee on Digest of Letters.

On motion, a committee was appointed on pastor and church relationship, viz: S. M. Callis, W. W. Presnell.

On motion, a committee on obituaries was appointed, viz: J. J. L. Sherwood, G. W. Brown.

On motion, correspondence with Ashe and Alleghany Associations was accepted, and T. M. Dungan came forward and was received as a correspondent from same.

Called for newly constituted churches; Elk Valley and Cool Spring churches presented petitions with confessions of faith and constitution, which were referred to the committee on arrangements.

The committee on Religious Exercises reported Elders D. W. Thomason at 11 o'clock and S. M. Callis at 1 o'clock to-morrow.

Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, and spend half an hour in devotional exercises, to be conducted by I. W. Thomas.

Benediction by the Moderator.

MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 14.

Met pursuant to adjournment. The hour for devotional exercises having arrived and Elder I. W. Thomas not being in the house, the services were conducted by Elder S. M. Callis.

Called the roll and erased absentees.

Read and approved minutes of yesterday.

Read Rules of Decorum.

Invited Elder W. A. Pool, correspondent from Caldwell County Association to a seat.

By request of S. M. Callis, on motion, substituted W.

A. Pool in lieu of Callis, on the committee on Pastor and Church Relationship.

On motion, called on the committee on Arrangements to report, when the following report was read and adopted:

ARRANGEMENTS.

1. Consider the propriety of receiving the two newly constituted churches, viz: Cool Spring and Elk Valley.

2. Consider the propriety of withdrawing fellowship from Mt. Zion church No. 2.

3. Consider the propriety of co-operating with the Baptist State Convention.

4. Call on Committee on Education to report.

5. Call on Committee on Sunday-Schools to report.

6. Call on Committee on Temperance to report.

7. Call on Committee on Baptist Orphanage to report.

8. Call on Committee on Pastor and Church Relationship to report.

9. Call on brethren appointed to attend sister Associations and Union Meetings to report.

10. Call on Committee on Correspondence and Union Meetings to report.

11. Call on Committee on Periodicals to report.

12. Call on Committee on Home and State Missions to report.

13. Call on Committee on Foreign Missions to report.

14. Call on Financial Committee to report.

15. Call on Committee on Digest of Church Letters to report.

16. Call on Committee on Obituaries to report.

17. Call on Committee on Resolutions to report.

18. Appoint time, place and preacher, for next Association.

19. Appoint some one to superintend the printing and distribution of Minutes.

A. C. FARTHING,
JOS. BROWN,
A. J. MCBRIDE,
D. W. THOMAS,
Committee.

The Committee on Arrangements to which the papers of newly constituted Churches were referred having

reported favorably, on motion, received Cool Spring and Elk Valley churches into this Association, and invited Messengers to seats in the body.

On motion, this Association unanimously withdrew fellowship from Mt. Zion Church No. 2, because it declared non-fellowship with us by going off to the Anti-missionaries.

Invited Rev. E. D. Wells from the Eastern Association to a seat.

The propriety of the Association attaching itself to the State Constitution referred to the churches last year, was now considered. A motion to attach this Association with same, prevailed.

Adjourned till 1 o'clock for refreshments and to hear the sermon at the stand.

EVENING SESSION.

Met at the hour of adjournment.

Adopted the following report on

EDUCATION:

We your committee would say that all people should feel an interest on the subject of education, which in this age of progress and enlightenment is indispensable to the highest measure of success in any laudable pursuit or occupation of life. Education in the true acceptation of the term means the development of the intellectual powers, and this object can be best subserved by patronizing schools of high grade. We would especially advise our Baptist brethren to give their children the best mental training possible, that they may be qualified for positions of usefulness and honor. We would also urge upon our young ministers the importance of securing an education that they may be prepared to advocate, maintain and defend our distinctive doctrines against a gainsaying world, and make themselves "workmen that need not be ashamed, rightly divining the word of truth."

C. J. WOODSON,
J. J. L. SHERWOOD,
Committee.

On motion, the first speech on all subjects was limited to fifteen minutes, the others to five minutes.

Adopted the following report on

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

We find that most of the churches report good Sunday-schools. We are glad to see that this great enterprise is advancing so rapidly in our Association, and we hope in the near future all the churches will have evergreen Sunday-schools. We recommend all our schools to use good sound literature.

Our next Sunday-school Convention will be held with Boone Church, commencing on Friday before the fifth Sunday in April, 1888. We ask the Association to assign the Sunday-school work over to the Sunday-school Convention.

ASA BROWN,
D. W. THOMASON,
Committee.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported, M. V. Makemson to-night at 7 o'clock at the church, to-morrow E. D. Wells at 11 o'clock at the stand, and W. A. Pool at 1 o'clock.

On motion, postponed the report on Temperance till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The report on the

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

was read, and a motion to receive, when the following collection was taken for same, viz: E. F. Jones, $1; J. J. T. Reese, $1; J. J. L. Sherwood, $1; C. S. Farthing, $1; J. A. Duval, $1; L. W. Farthing, $1; Mt. Gilead, 50c.; W. S. Farthing, 50c.; S. Younce, 5c.; Cove Creek, $1; J. C. Green, 25c.; total paid, $8.40.

Pledges for Orphanage:

Flat Top, $2; Gap Creek, $1; Fall Creek, $1; W. F. Knight, $1; Mt. Zion, $5; Laurel Springs, $2; Bethel, $2; Three Forks, $5; Elk Valley, $1; Cove Creek, $5; one dollar paid. Boone, $5; South Fork, $1; W. S. Upchurch, 50c.; Beaverdam, $2; total amount of pledges $26.50. Then adopted the report, as follows:

Your committee would call attention to the fact that the Baptist Orphanage is no longer a questionable enterprise. It is now fully established, and has been entirely endorsed by the denomination. All that it now needs

to make it a grand success and a great blessing to the orphans of the State is one persisting continuation.

Your committee would suggest to the churches comprising this Association the propriety of taking contributions regulary for this object. Contributions in money, etc., may be sent to J. H. Mills, general manager, Thomasville, N. C. We would also recommend our orphanage paper, *Charity and Children.* D. W. THOMASON,
Committee.

On motion, postponed the report on Pastor and Church Relationship till a suitable hour to-morrow.

Brethren who were appointed to attend sister Associations and Union Meetings, reported; most of whom attended, and had a welcome reception, excused for non-attendance, passed and report accepted.

Adopted the following report on

CORRESPONDENCE AND UNION MEETINGS.

We beg leave to submit the following:

To Ashe and Alleghany Association—Asa Brown, E. F. Jones, I. W. Thomas.

Brushy Mountain—J. B. Hopkins, Asa Brown.

Caldwell County Association—E. F. Jones, J. J. L. Sherwood.

Mitchell County Association—A. C. Farthing, J. M. Harman.

Catawba Association—J. J. L. Sherwood, J. H. Farthing.

New River—J. J. L. Sherwood, J. C. Johnson.

Watauga Association—Jacob Younce, C. S. Farthing.

TO UNION MEETINGS.

Flat Top Church, Friday before the fourth Sunday in June, 1888—J. J. L. Sherwood, J. H. Farthing.

Gap Creek Church, Friday before the fifth Sunday in October, 1887—J. J. L. Sherwood, A. C. Farthing, E. F. Jones, David Green, Asa Brown, I. W. Thomas.

Antioch Church, Friday before the first Sunday in June, 1888—J. J. L. Sherwood, I. W. Thomas.

Mt. Pleasant Church, Friday before the first Sunday in December, 1887—David Green, J. H. Farthing.

Respectfully submitted,
D. D. WOODRUFF,
I. W. THOMAS,
Committee.

Adjourned till 9:30 o'clock to-morrow morning. Elder I. W. Thomas to conduct the devotional exercises for one half hour.

Prayer by A. J. McBride.

MORNING SESSION.

SEPTEMBER 15.

Met at the hour of adjournment.

Spent 30 minutes in religious exercises.

Received Elder W. D. McPheteridge as a correspondent from the Watauga Association.

The report on Temperance was called for. On motion, suspended the regular order of business and the committee on Finance called for the Treasurer's Report, that it may the better proceed with its financial report.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. J. T. Reese, in account with Three Forks Association.

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Sept. 15.—To amount received from Finance Committee for Minutes	$34	85
For State Missions	19	50
For Foreign Missions	8	00
From Treasurer	6	60
For T. M. Honeycut	1	00
For Baptist Orphanage	18	60
Total received		$88 55

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Sept. 16.—By paid to I. W. Thomas for T. M. Honeycut	$ 1	00
Sent to Baptist Orphanage by W. A. Pool	18	60
By printing Minutes	25	00
Sent to F. H. Briggs State and Foreign Missions	27	50
Paid Clerk for services	7	00
By Stationery		50
By postage on Minutes	2	11
By postage on registered letters, correspondence and manuscript		59
		$82 30
Balance in Treasurer's hands		$ 6 25

Report adopted.

Adopted the following report on

TEMPERANCE.

We confidently believe that the cause of temperance has made great and rapid progress in our country during the last few years, and that the liquor traffic is on the

wane. Much good has been accomplished, but much still remains to be done. There are not only open unbelievers among us, who are yet engaged in making, selling and drinking intoxicating liquors, but we fear there are some professed followers of Christ within the bounds of this Association, who are aiding and abetting in the same nefarious business. We entreat our Baptist people everywhere, earnestly to engage in the "irrepressible conflict" for the triumph of truth and soberness, and to continue to labor in the Sunday-school, in the social circle, and at the ballot box until the last vestage of intemperance shall be swept from our beloved country.

W. S. FARTHING,
S. M. CALLIS,
Committee.

Adopted the following amendment to the foregoing report on temperance:

RESOLVED, That we heartily favor the adoption of a Constitutional Amendment prohibiting the manufacture, sale and importation of all intoxicating liquors in the State.

On motion, appointed a committee on Queries, viz: A. J. McBride, J. M. Harman.

The committee on Religious Exercises reported that W. D. McPheteridge will follow W. A. Pool this evening at the stand.

The report of the committee on Pastor and Church Relationship was called for. The report not being ready it was by motion, postponed for a convenient time.

Adopted the following report on

PERIODICALS.

We regret that our people do not take an interest as they should in our denominational papers. *The Biblical Recorder* has been recommended year after year in the meetings of our Association; and also the *Western N. C. Baptist*, has been recommended in high terms to our people, and yet there is not more than one copy of these papers taken and read where there should be twenty. We recommend that the Pastors of the churches take this matter in hand at once and place a copy of the *Recorder* or *W. N. C. Baptist* in every family in our Association. This is necessary to the success of our Mission,

Sunday-school and Educational work. We cordially recommend to our Sunday-schools of this Association, the literature published by the American Baptist Publication Society; believing that the so-called union helps used by some schools as a neutralizing influence to induce those of different persuasions to attend, is doing more harm than good.

The helps furnished by Kind Words Publication, Atlanta, Georgia, under the direction of the Southern Baptist Convention, are sound in doctrine and well worthy our patronage.

E. F. JONES,
ASA BROWN,
Committee.

The regular order of business was suspended, and the report on

FINANCE

was heard through its chairman, and adopted, viz:

We your committee, beg leave to submit to following:

Received form Treasurer	$ 6 25
Minute fund	32 50
For State Missions	26 75
For Home Missions	10 75
For Foreign Missions	35 35
For T. M. Honeycut	6 00
For Baptist Orphanage	5 70
Total amount	$123 30
Paid Clerk for services	$6 00

Respectfully submitted,
W. W. PRESNELL,
I. W. THOMAS,
Committee.

Antioch $1 on last year's pledge for Home and State Missions, paid to Clerk.

A motion to adjourn and to meet at the stand in one half hour, and transact the evening business.

EVENING SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Adopted the following report on

PASTOR AND CHURCH RELATIONSHIP.

The relation existing between the pastors and the churches is reciprocal. It is the duty of the pastor to feed the flock of God and preach the Gospel to sinners,

visit the sick and comfort the dying. In fact we do not think a pastor can fully discharge his duty to the church without visiting every family in his church at least once in every year. We believe it to be his duty to preach occasional sermons on the distinctive principles which separate us from other denominations; say once a year. To do all this he should give himself entirely to the work.

The church should esteem its pastor very highly for his work's sake. All the members of the church should contribute liberally of their means, for their pastor's support. They should always be ready to join him in every good word or work for the advancement of Christ's cause. And they should be very careful of his reputation and be always ready to defend his character against any and all reproaches that might injure the cause of Christ.

W. W. PRESNELL,
W. A. POOL,
Committee.

Adopted the following report on

HOME AND STATE MISSIONS.

We are glad to note the increasing success of the Home and State Mission work.

The Baptist State Convention was organized in 1830; since then the work has been wonderfully blessed. From a small beginning it has grown and extended until now, with a few exceptions, the Missionary Baptist preach the Gospel in every settlement in the State. But the work is not finished, and we should do our duty in this part of our Lord's vineyard with more energy and zeal than we have ever done.

The Home Mission Board has been at work something more than forty years, and has accomplished much good.

We feel that the work is an important one, and that we should freely encourage and push it with all possible speed, inasmuch as the territory embraces some of the largest cities that are almost in heathen darkness.

J. G. HAGAMAN,
W. S. FARTHING,
Committee.

Adopted the following report on

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We are glad to report that the blessings of Almighty

God are unmistakably resting upon the Foreign Mission work, and that the good work is prospering in all the fields of labor in foreign lands beyond our most hopeful expectations. North Carolina has five Missionaries, with their wives in foreign lands: Brethren Yates, Bryen and Herring, with their wives in China, and Brethren Baldwin and Powell, with their wives in Algiers, Northern Africa. We would tenderly and lovingly urge every church, and every brother and sister in the Three Forks Association, to contribute liberally to the support of our Missionaries in foreign fields.

We do not claim that money ever has, or ever will convert a soul. We ask for money that the Missionaries may be clothed and fed while they preach Jesus and him crucified to the heathen.

The heathen must be converted just as we have been, by the agency of the Holy Spirit and the word of God. Paul says, Romans x. 13-15, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord, shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed; and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard, and how shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they be sent?" Again says the same apostle, I. Cor. ix. 14, "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel, shall live of the gospel." Missions are either right or wrong. If wrong we sin by engaging in the work; if right we sin by not engaging in the work.

Jesus was a Missionary sent from Heaven to this sin-cursed earth and went about doing good, and received precious and costly gifts from the wise men who came to worship him in the manger, and Paul says, Romans viii. 9, "If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

The last words that fell from the lips of our glorified and ascending Saviour, were: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel unto *every* creature." If we cannot go ourselves, have we not grace and religion enough, and do not our poor hearts burn for the salvation of the souls of all men enough to prompt us to help with the means God has given us those whom God has called to go?

How can we think of meeting in the great Judgment

Day the heathen whom we have refused the bread of life? Let us beware of covetousness, for says the apostle Paul, in Col. iii. 5, "That covetousness is idolatry." Paul says, "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver," and "The liberal soul shall be made fat." Jesus said in Luke vi. 38, "Give, and it shall be given unto you." Paul says, "Remember the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, how he said 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

I. W. THOMAS,
W. S. FARTHING,
Committee.

The churches made the following pledges, to be paid within a year, for Foreign, Home and State Missions: Bethel, $10; Beaverdam, $5; Boone, $10; Elk Knob, $1; Flat Top, $4; Fall Creek, $1; Gap Creek, $5; Laurel Spring, $2; Mt. Calvary, $2.50; Mt. Gilead, $1; Mt. Zion, $15; Three Forks, $10. Total amount, $66.50.

Adopted the following report on

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

Received by baptism, 95; received by letter, 45; received by restoration, 7. Total additions, 147.

Dismissed by letter, 47. Excluded, 48. Deceased, 22. Total decrease, 117. Net gain in year, 30. Eight churches report Pastor's salary, $433.24. Thirteen churches report sending to Foreign Missions, $48.35. Nine churches report sending to Home and State Missions, $51.91. Three churches report sending to Baptist Orphanage, $17.00. Three churches report evergreen Sunday-schools. Six churches report Sunday-schools Spring and Summer. Fourteen churches make no report on Sunday-schools.

JACOB YOUNCE,
Committee.

Adopted the following report on

OBITUARIES.

It is with sadness, yet humble submission to the kind providence of our Heavenly Father that we note the death of Elder J. A. Farthing, which occurred January 6, 1887. He was born in Wake county, North Carolina, July 22, 1809; moved to this county November, 1826; in which he lived till his death. He professed religion about the year 1832; joined the Cove Creek Baptist

church, where he was ordained as a minister of the Gospel, by Elders B. McBride and L. Hodges, about the year 1851, at the request of the church, where he remained a member until the constitution of Bethel church, when he was constituted into this church where his membership remained until Jesus said come up to the Church Triumphant.

He preached the Gospel of Jesus for thirty-seven years. His labors were abundantly blessed of God in the salvation of many souls, and the upbuilding of many churches. As a pastor he was faithful; always at his post of duty. He was Moderator of this Association twenty-one years, but he is gone from us now, to the far off home of the soul, to welcome his friends into glory as they come, one by one. Still he liveth it the hearts of his brethren. May we also live as to meet him again in that great Association above.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. J. SHERWOOD,
G. W. BROWN,
Committee.

Your committee on Resolutions submit the following:

WHEREAS, There is a class of ministers who term themselves Primitive Baptist, traveling in the bounds of this Association, and not only preaching doctrines which we believe to be contrary to the truth, but sowing the seeds of discord generally. Then be it

RESOLVED, By this Association, that the churches composing the same, be advised to refuse such men the use of their houses.

RESOLVED, That this Association tender its most sincere thanks to the large congregation that attended it, for their good behavior; and also for the cordial reception and entertainment the brethren, sisters and friends have given it and the visitors at this session.

HUGH HAGAMAN,
J. H. FARTHING,
Committee.

NEXT ASSOCIATION

of this body will be held at Boone, Watauga county, North Carolina, commencing on Tuesday after the second

Sunday in September, 1888. The annual sermon to be delivered by Elder E. F. Jones; Elder J. H. Farthing, alternate.

On motion, the Clerk was authorized to superintend the printing and distribution of a sufficient number of Minutes of this Association.

Adopted the following report of

COLPORTEUR.

Books on hand at last Association, $34.00. Cash on hand at last Association, $26.18. Total, $60.18. Bought and sold $20.00, since last Association. Books now on hand, $33.35. Cash on hand, $26.73.

E. F. JONES,
Colporteur.

On motion, continued E. F. Jones, Colporteur for the next year.

Called on committee on

QUERIES

to report, when the following were submitted. Does this Association endorse ministers who advocate the making, vending and drinking, of ardent spirits? Answer, no. See report of committee on Temperance, for past and present years.

Query No. 2. In what way should the churches of this Association receive members that belonged to Mt. Zion Church No. 2, that wish to leave that body, and become members of any of our churches? Answer. By application, where they are known to be orderly.

A. J. MCBRIDE,
J. M. HARMAN,
Committee.

On motion, the Moderator was requested to appoint three delegates to the State Convention to meet at Durham in November next, whereupon he and the brethren appointed Elder J. J. L. Sherwood, Elder E. F. Jones, Elder J. H. Farthing, Elder I. W. Thomas, Elder A. C. Farthing.

Adjourned to meet at the time and place designated.

J. J. L. Sherwood led in prayer.

ELDER A. C. FARTHING, Moderator.

J. J. T. REESE, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	ADDED BY				DIMINISHED BY			
		Ap'cat'n	Baptism	Letter.	Rest'r'n	Letter.	Exclus'n	Deaths.	Total Mem'shp
Antioch	J. M. Walker, L. W. Farthing, J. C. Greer	...	2	5	...	4	1	1	110
Bethel	L. W. Farthing, C. S. Farthing, W. S. Farthing	...	7	...	1	1	8	5	152
Beaverdam	Hugh Hagaman, G. P. Sherrill, J. J. T. Reese	...	2	1	...	5	3	.	118
Beech Mountain	L. W. McGuire, Phillip Church, W. M. Cannon	...	...	2	1	5	2	1	95
Big Laurel	N. Stewart, John Eggers, Hugh Hagaman, W. Glenn	...	...	1	...	.....	...	..	24
Boone	W. L. Bryan, W. W. Presnell, J. F. Perkie	...	...	...	...	.....	...	1	27
Brushy Fork	James F. Davis	...	24	...	...	2	4	6	176
Cove Creek	D. Farthing, J. J. Mast, John McBride	...	...	1	2	7	4	1	159
*Cool Spring	J. M. Payne, W. F. Knight, J. M. Hartly	...	...	...	...	.....	...	..	11
Elk Knob	J. J. L. Church, L. A. Wilson, J. H. Canter	...	11	1	1	3	5	1	41
*Elk Valley	T. E. Brotherton, J. M. Hyatt	...	...	6	...	.....	...	..	21
Flat Top	William Elrod	1	21	8	2	12	1	1	74
Fall Creek	G. W. Brown, W. B. Norris, J. E. Perlier	...	...	5	...	.....	...	..	20
Gap Creek	J. B. Hopkins	2	2	...	...	.....	3	1	36
Howard's Creek	E. J. Norris, John Norris, D. N. Trivette	...	1	7	1	6	1	..	41
Laurel Spring	Joseph Brown, Bartlett Brown	...	1	4	...	1	1	1	80
Meat Camp	William Green	...	...	2	...	1	1	2	100
Mt. Calvary	J. C. Chapel, B. F. Patterson	...	1	...	...	33	2	..	32
Mt. Gilead	Joseph Palmer, John Meadows, Tho. Stanberry	...	1	5	...	10	5	..	61
Mt. Pleasant	D. D. Woodruff	...	...	...	...	5	...	1	100
Mt. Zion	Phillip Greer, R. W. Cehorn, Abraham Younce	...	21	1	...	7	2	2	188
South Fork	J. T. McGinnis, Sherman Brown	...	...	...	1	2	..	...	81
Sampson	John P. Robins, W. S. Upchurch	...	...	...	...	3	6	..	23
Three Forks	L. N. Bingham, J. M. Brown, E. G. Harman	...	1	1	...	.....	3	..	171
Zion Hill	J. A. Harman	...	...	8	...	.....	..	..	37
Mt. Zion, No. 2	[Mt. Zion No. 2, dissolved.]	...	...	...	...	.....	..	..	39
		3	95	58	9	107	52	24	2017

* New Churches admitted.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Foreign, Home & State Missions	Baptist Orphanage.	Sunday School Lit'ture	Receipts for Foreign Missions 1887.	Receipts for State & Home Missions 1887.	Pastor's Salary.	Current Church Exp'nses	Baptist Orphanage.	Total for 1887.	Pledges to be paid in 1888.
Antioch	$1 50					$1 00				$2 50	
Bethel	2 00	$10 00	$2 00		$5 00	13 90	$40 87	$21 50		83 27	$12 00
Beaverdam	2 00	5 00	2 00	$7 00	3 00	5 00	29 05			46 05	7 00
Beech Mountain											
Big Laurel	70									70	
Boone	1 25	10 00	5 00		3 00	5 00	75 00			84 25	15 00
Brushy Fork	2 50									2 50	
Cove Creek	2 00		5 00		3 60	5 00				10 60	5 00
Cool Spring	60									60	
Elk Knob	35	1 00				1 00	11 00			12 35	1 00
Elk Valley	1 00		1 00		2 00					3 00	1 00
Flat Top	2 05	4 00	2 00		3 25	2 45	50 00			57 75	6 00
Fall Creek	60	1 00	1 00	86	1 00		15 32	68 00		85 72	2 00
Gap Creek	1 00	5 00	1 00		5 00	2 00	40 00	5 00		53 00	6 00
Howard's Creek	1 00				1 00					2 00	
Laurel Spring	2 00	2 00	2 00		2 50					4 50	4 00
Meat Camp	1 00									1 00	
Mt. Calvary	1 00	2 50								1 00	2 50
Mt. Gilead	1 00	1 00			25					1 25	1 00
Mt. Pleasant											
Mt. Zion	2 00	15 00	5 00	24 00	10 00	10 00	100 00	7 00	6 30	165 60	20 00
South Fork	1 00		1 00			2 00				3 00	1 00
Sampson	50									50	
Three Forks	2 00	10 00	5 00		10 00	5 00	85 00		5 70	107 70	15 00
Zion Hill	1 00									1 00	
	$30 05	$66 50	$32 00	$31 80	$49 60	$52 35	$446 24	101 50	$12 00	$529 84	$88 50

NOTE.—The discrepancy in some of the above columns and the report on Finance shows that some of the Church Clerks have failed to comply with the Resolution on 16th page of last year's Minutes. It will be seen that not one-half of the Churches report Pastor's Salaries. Many have not reported their pledges of last year. We presume they are paid, but have no way by which we can give them credit. This failure makes our table very incomplete. CLERK.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND POST-OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND ADDRESS.	Ordained Ministers.	Licentiates.	Time of meeting, Sunday and Saturday before.
Antioch	J. H. Farthing	Jones C. Greer, Sugar Grove, N. C.		1	1st.
Bethel	A. C. Farthing	W. H. Farthing, Sweetwater, N. C.	4		4th.
Beaverdam	J. C. Johnson	Hugh Hagaman, Sweetwater, N. C.	2		2d.
Beech Mountain	R. L. Palmer	L. W McQuire, Dark Ridge, N. C.			1st.
Big Laurel	Neill Campbell	Hugh Hagaman, Jr., Mit, Tenn	1		4th.
Boone	E. F. Jones	W. L. Bryan, Boone, N. C.	1		1st.
Brushy Fork	J. J. L. Sherwood	L. M. Trivette, Boone, N. C.	1	3	2d.
Cove Creek	J. J. L. Sherwood	J. J. Mast, Sugar Grove, N. C.	1	2	3d.
Cool Spring	I. J. McGinnis, J. M. Payne	L. M. Cannon, Blowing Rock, N. C.	2		1st.
Elk Knob	David Green	L. A. Wilson, Sutherland, N. C.		1	1st.
Elk Valley	Jacob Younce	A. M. Johnson, Banner Elk, N. C.			4th.
Flat Top	I. W. Thomas	William Elrod, Blowing Rock, N. C.			4th.
Fall Creek	Jacob Younce	G. W. Brown, Dark Ridge, N. C.	1		1st.
Gap Creek	T. M. Duncan	J. B. Hopkins, Beaver Creek, N. C.			3d.
Howard's Creek	W. F. Knight	E. J. Norris, Sands, N. C.			3d.
Laurel Spring	W. H. Canter	Larkin Green, Rutherwood, N. C.	2		4th.
Meat Camp	A. C. Farthing	L. A. Green, Norris, N. C.	1		2d.
Mt. Calvary	J. C. Johnson	B. F. Patterson, Banner Elk, N. C.			3d.
Mt. Gilead	R. L. Palmer	John F. McBride, Beech Creek, N. C.	1	1	3d.
Mt. Pleasant	William Wilcoxon	Presley Shepherd, Gap Creek, N. C.			4th.
Mt. Zion	E. F. Jones	J. C. Jones, Zionville, N. C.	1	1	4th.
South Fork	I. W. Thomas	J. S. Stanberry, Elk X Roads, N. C.	1		1st.
Sampson	I. J. McGinnis, J. M. Payne	Elbert Adams, Penley, N. C.			4th.
Three Forks	I. W. Thomas	L. N. Bingham, Horton, N. C.			3d.
Zion Hill	J. H. Farthing, A. J. Harmon	D. W. Hagaman, Watauga Falls, N. C.	1		2d.

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS,

HELD IN

BOONE, WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA,

SEPTEMBER 11–13, 1888.

Next session to meet with Mt. Zion Church, at Zionville, twelve miles northwest of Boone, Watauga county, N. C., Tuesday after the second Sunday in September, 1889.

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J. J. T. REESE, Clerk and Treasurer, . Sweetwater, N. C.
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FARTHING, J. H.....Sweetwater, N. C.
FARTHING, R. P.....Watauga Falls, N. C.
FARTHING, A. C.....Sweetwater, N. C.
GREEN, DAVID.....Norris, N. C.
GREEN, SOLOMON.....Stoney Fork, N. C.
GREEN, JACOB.....Sugar Grove, N. C.
GREEN, WISEMAN.....Vilas, N. C.
HOLSCLAW, T. C......Elk Park, N. C.
HAGAMAN, J. G.....Sweetwater, N. C.
HARMAN, A. J.....Watauga Falls, N. C.
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HARMAN, D. C.....Watauga Falls, N. C.
HARMAN, WILEY.....Watauga Falls, N. C.
HARMAN, J. M.....Watauga Falls, N. C.
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McBRIDE, A. J.....Shouns X Roads, Tenn.
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PALMER, R. L.....Beech Creek, N. C.
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STEPHENS, J. T.....Elk X Roads, N. C.
THOMAS, I. W.....Boone, N. C.
WILSON, L. A.....Sutherland, N. C.
WILCOXON, WM.....Elk X Roads, N. C.
YOUNCE, JACOB.....Beech Creek, N. C.

*Names in *italics* are Licentiates.

MINUTES.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THE THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION OF BAPTIST convened in its forty-eighth session in Boone Church house, Boone, Watauga Co., N. C., Sept 11, 1888.

Elder E. F. Jones being providentially hindered, did not arrive in time, and Elder J. H. Farthing, alternate, preached the annual sermon from 2nd Thess. 1st Chap. 9th verse.

After an intermission of one hour and fifteen minutes, the Messengers were reassembled at the ringing of the bell and called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder I. W. Thomas.

Letters from twenty-two churches were presented and read by brethren W. W. Presnell and J. F. Spainhour, the Clerk enrolling the names of Messengers as follows :

Antioch—E. M. Greer, J. C. Greer.
Bethel—L. W. Farthing, W. S. Farthing, C. S. Farthing.
Beaverdam—G. P. Sherrill, Hugh Hagaman, J. J. T. Reese.
Beech Mountain—W. M. Cannon.
Big Laurel—Alexander Hagaman, John Eggers.
Boone—J. F. Spainhour, W. W. Presnell, W. L. Bryan.
Brushy Fork—J. F. Davis, J. L. Hays.
Cove Creek—J. J. Glenn, J. J. Mast, J. S. Mast.
Cool Spring—J. M. Hartley, T. L. C. Hartley.
Elk Knob—L. A. Wilson, W. L. Michael, J. H. Canter.
Elk Valley—S. L. Marshall, J. C. Bailiff.
Flat Top—William Elrod, Andrew Cornish.
Fall Creek—G. W. Brown, G. H. Norris.
Gap Creek—John Church, J. B. Hopkins, Z. T. Fletcher.
Howard's Creek—E. J. Norris, John Norris.
Laurel Spring—Manley Green, Joseph Brown, J. R. Norris.
Meat Camp—R. G. Ragan, J. C. Ragan, L. A. Green.
Mt. Calvary—J. C. Chapell.
Mt. Gilead—Ervin Green.
Mt. Pleasant—Leonard Goodman.
Mt. Zion—Solomon Younce, A. Roten, J. C. Jones.

South Fork—J. T. McGuire, W. H. McGuire, J. T. Stephens.
Sampson—J. T. Robbins, Jesse Adams, Elbert Adams.
Shull's Mills—J. P. Robbins, J. C. Shull, M. F. Presnell.
Three Forks—Robert Shearer, G. L. Vandyke, T. D. Cook.
Zion Hill—E. G. Harman, J. A. Harman, E. T. Presnell.

Organized by electing officers by ballot, which resulted in the election of Elder A. C. Farthing, Moderator, and J. J. T. Reese, Clerk and Treasurer. Brethren E. M. Gragg and S Carrell being tellers. The Association then declared itself ready for business.

On motion invited newly constituted Churches and received Shull's Mills as such and read the petitionary letter. Received the same and J. P. Robbins and J. C. Shull, the Messengers, were invited to seats in the body.

Invited Correspondents and Ministers from sister associations to seats. Brethren E. M. Gragg and S. D. Carroll presented themselves from Stoney Fork Association and were received.

On motion the Moderator was empowered to appoint the usual Committees:

Finance—T. D. Cook, J. F. Spainhour.
Education—Abraham Roten, I. W. Thomas.
Sunday Schools—Jac. Younce, C. S. Farthing.
Foreign Missions—J. J. L. Sherwood, J. F. Spainhour.
Home and State Missions—J. J. L. Sherwood, I. W. Thomas.
Temperance—C. S. Farthing, W. W. Presnell.
Periodicals—J. F. Spainhour, J. H. Mills.
Correspondence—John Mast, J. P. Robbins.
Resolutions—G. P. Sherrill, J. J. T. Reese.
Religious Exercise—Pastor and Delegates of Boone Church.
Arrangements—Jos. Brown, J. J. L. Sherwood, J. P. Robbins.
Baptist Orphanage—Asa Brown, J. H. Farthing.
Digest of Letters—David Green, W. S. Farthing.
Relation of Church to Pastor—L. W. Farthing, E. F. Jones.

On motion the Sunday School Report of last year was referred to the Committee of Arrangements.

On motion the Association agreed to meet to-morrow morning at 9.30 A. M., and spend thirty minutes in devotional exercises.

The Committee on Religious Exercise reported preach-

ing to-night at the Baptist Church by Elder John Mitchell.

Adjourned to meet at the hour designated. Asa Brown led in prayer.

Before adjournment the following brethren came in and were made welcome : J. H. Mills, Superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage, Thomasville, N. C.; C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary Baptist State Convention ; Dr. John Mitchell, Agent Board of Education, Wake Forest. W. A. Pool and C. J. Powell, correspondents from Caldwell county Association.

MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 12th.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Religious exercises conducted by Elder J. J. L. Sherwood.

Read and approved minutes of yesterday.

Received David Farthing, correspondent from Watauga Association.

Received J. C. Woodson, correspondent from Caldwell county Association.

After an amendment by appointing delegates to the State Convention, then adopted the following report on

ARRANGEMENTS.

1. Call the Roll and mark absentees.
2. Read and correct minutes of yesterday.
3. Read Rules of Decorum.
4. Report of Committee on Education.
5. Report on Sunday Schools.
6. Report of Committee on Temperance.
7. Report on Baptist Orphanage.
8. Colporteur's Report.
9. Appoint Colporteur.
10. Committee on Duties of Church to Pastor.
11. Report of Committee on Correspondence and Union Meetings.
12. Committee on Periodicals.
13. Report of Committee on Home and State Missions.
14. Committee on Foreign Missions.
15. Committee on Finance.
16. Committee on Digest of Letters.

17. Propriety of inviting the Stoney Fork Association to consolidate with us.
18. Report of Committee on Resolutions.
19. Appoint time, place, and preacher for next Association.
20. Appoint some one to superintend the printing and distribution of minutes.
21. Report of Treasurer.
22. Appoint Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention to meet at Memphis.
23. Miscellaneous business.

A. C. FARTHING,
JOS. BROWN,
J. J. L. SHERWOOD,
J. P. ROBBINS,
J. J. T. REESE,
Committee.

On motion, dispensed with the reading of the Rules of Decorum.

The report on Education was deferred till 1:30 P. M.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended and the report on State Missions was read by C. Durham. Report received and Bro. Durham made an able speech on same. Then adopted the report on

STATE MISSIONS.

Activity is life, stagnation is death. Missions is life, anti-missions or omissions is death. The Dead Sea is properly named—always receiving and never giving. He who having authority, gives a command, expects it to be obeyed. The Lord Jesus has commanded us to give the Gospel to every creature, and He expects it to be obeyed. Shall we meet or disappoint this expectation. Our faith is the limit of God's power to help us. Our God-given work is the test of our faith. We live in a wonderful age. Every new development makes it the more important that we should be fully alive to our opportunities. God guides. Shall we not follow? The people who are gone, and those who now live on these mountains and in these beautiful valleys have been given the Gospel by the toils and sacrifices of our fathers. Shall we not now give it to every town and county neighborhood in our State? The board of Missions and Sunday Schools of the Baptist State Convention is

struggling hard to do this work. Since our Convention in Nov. last it has commissioned 87 Missionaries and 13 Colporteurs. These are located in the destitute sections, from Ashe and Alleghany to the Sea. They have this year done a good work, and have been greatly blessed of the Lord. The Board publishes "The Gospel Herald," a monthly Mission paper, which it thinks is worthy, and will be helpful to all the Pastors and churches, where it is taken. Can we not, in the strength of the Lord, arise and do more to give the Gospel to all of our people than ever before?

Took a collection for State Missions amounting to $16.86.

And the following pledges for same:

Antioch, $5; Bethel, $5; Beaverdam, $5; Beech Mountain, 50c; Big Laurel, $2; Boone, $8; Brushy Fork, $5; Cove Creek, $5; Cool Spring, $2; Elk Knob, 50c; Elk Valley, $2; Flat Top, $3; Fall Creek, $1; Gap Creek, $1; Howard's Creek, $2; Laurel Spring, $5; Meat Camp, $5; Mt. Calvary, $1; Mt. Gilead, $1; Mt. Pleasant, 50c; Mt. Zion, $10; South Fork, $3; Sampson, $1; Three Forks, $10; Zion Hill, $1; Shull's Mills, $2. Total $86.50.

Adjourned till 1:15 P. M. to meet at the Methodist Church house, its seating capacity being much greater.

Prayer by Elder John Mitchell.

EVENING SESSION.

Met at the hour of adjournment.

Prayer by J. F. Davis.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended and agreed to make 11 o'clock to-morrow a special hour for the report on the Baptist Orphanage.

Received the report on Education. Speech by Dr. John Mitchell—remarks by C. Durham and C. J. Woodson.

Received J. F. Eller, correspondent from Brushy Mountain Association. Then took the following subscriptions for education. Bethel, $1; Beaverdam, $1; Boone, $5; Cove Creek, $2; Gap Creek, $1; Mt. Zion, $5; John Stephens, $1; Three Forks, $3; I. W. Thomas, $5; Robert Shearer, $1; paid. Total $25.00.

Adopted the following report on

EDUCATION.

Education is receiving more attention than formerly, but we are satisfied our people generally have not risen to the great importance of this subject. It should be the aim of parents to give as far as practicable, a good thorough practical education to all their children. And the facilities for giving it were never better than now. All over our State there are now good academies and high schools and colleges, where our boys and our girls may be educated, and many of them under the control of our own people. Wake Forest College has taken a high stand among the very foremost of the institutions of the South, and the Baptist have great reason to be proud of their College. The number of students last session received were 213; and it is hoped that the number will be equally large or larger this session. The opening is encouraging; 113 registered the first day of the session; 39 young ministers were received by the Board of Education last session and 32 have already been received for the present session. Others are asking for aid and it is to be hoped that the contributions from the brethren and from the churches will soon be sufficient to enable the Board to extend aid to all worthy young ministers who are in need and who may make applications for help. Brethren for Christ's sake let us help the young ministers in their effort to prepare themselves for the work to which the Lord has called them.

I. W. THOMAS,
A. ROTEN,
Committee.

Gap Creek came in with her letter which was read, and messengers enrolled.

Adopted the following report on

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We are glad to say the Sunday School work is increasing and improving in our bounds, yet there is great room for more improvement. We should use our influence to bring all the children in the Sunday School. If

we expect the prosperity of our churches in the future we must teach the children the word of God, the instrument used by the Spirit to show them the need of a Saviour and to lead them to a knowledge of the truth, that they may know the law of the Lord which in the 19th Psalm, is perfect, converting the soul ; that they may be trained for stations of usefulness in the work of the Lord in general. We find by observation that children converted and trained while young, are much better qualified to fill important stations in life than those who have grown up in vice and immorality. Therefore it is the duty of every Church to maintain Sunday Schools, that all the children may have an opportunity to study the Bible.

JACOB YOUNCE,
C. S. FARTHING,
Committee.

At this time the three other Churches, detained by the high water, are in with their letters and Messengers enrolled.

Adopted the following report on

TEMPERANCE.

Notwithstanding the progress the cause of Temperance has made here in the past, we are sorry to say in the last year intemperance has been spreading its vile influence among our young people. There has been more whiskey made and used in the bounds of the Three Forks Association the past year than any previous year for many. Therefore it is the duty of our Baptist brethren to arise in the power of their might and stand for the right—working and fighting with a renewed energy and a double dilligence against the great enemy and destroyer of our people, praying the Lord to help in the warfare till the curse be removed from our land and country. With our present surroundings we advise our Churches to consider the necessity of strict Church discipline against the evil habit of dram drinking. In the face of so much evidence of the evils arising from this dangerous practice, if our members will not forsake it, that they at once be excluded.

The Bible teaches to be temperate in all things, thus

it is obligatory on us to warn the young against the evil, foolish and filthy practice of the use of tobacco.

C. S. FARTHING,
W. W. PRESNELL,
Committee.

The next Association will be held at Mt. Zion Church, commencing on Tuesday after the second Sunday in September, 1889. Elder David Green to preach the annual sermon, I. W. Thomas alternate.

Adopted the following report of

COLPORTEUR.

Your Colporteur has bought and sold about thirty-five dollars worth of books within the year past. Books on hand at present about twenty-five dollars. Cash on hand $35.18. Total, $60.18.

E. F. JONES,
Colporteur.

Appointed J. F. Davis Colporteur of the Association.

Committee on Devotional Exercise reported Elder C. Durham to preach in the Baptist Church to-night.

Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Elder E. F. Jones.

SEPTEMBER 13, 1888.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Received the Report on Duties of Churches to Pastors. E. F. Jones made an able talk urging the duty of the brethren and Churches. Then adopted the following report :

We are taught in the Scriptures that it is the duty of the Pastor to give his whole time to the work of the ministry. But the minister cannot give his time to the work unless the churches support him. Therefore, we urge the churches to pay their pastors liberally for their services.

L. W. FARTHING, Com.

Received Rev. J. C. Scarborough, teacher in the faculty of Thomasville Female College.

Adopted the following report on

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the Methodist brethren for the use of their house of worship, kindly offered without solicitation.

Resolved, That this Association tender their thanks to brethren, friends and citizens of Boone and surrounding country for the liberal entertainment of this body at this Association.

J. J. T. REESE,
G. P. SHERRILL,
Committee.

Called on correspondents appointed to attend Associations and Union meetings to report. The majority reported that they attended their appointments and were cordially received by the brethren. On motion the report received and correspondents discharged.

Adopted the following report on

HOME MISSIONS.

This department of Christian work is an effort on the part of the churches to give the Gospel to all the destitute sections in the Southern States, among the Indians and in Cuba. The work is done through the Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Atlanta, Ga. The Board reported to the last convention 287 missionaries employed; 1,114 stations occupied; 33,868 sermons preached; 4,857 baptised, and a total amount expended in this work for the last year of $178,953,32. The hand of the Lord has rested with wonderful favor on this work of his servants in their efforts to extend his Kingdom in the hearts of men. Wherever the Missionaries go, the people seem ready to hear the word. In fact the Holy Spirit seems to be always present, to open the hearts of the people and especially is this the case in the island of Cuba. So the observant servant of the Master who places himself in position to hear the tidings from the field can say at the close of most every day, "I have heard glorious tidings to-day." Then let us recognize the voice of the Master in these things, com-

manding us to go forward and as obedient servants rise and help.

We recommend the appointment of one brother in each church to superintend this work in his Church.

I. W. THOMAS,
J. J. L. SHERWOOD,
Committee.

As the above report advises, the following were appointed agents :

Antioch—E. M. Greer, P. O. Watauga Falls, N. C.
Bethel—C. S. Farthing, Sweetwater, N. C.
Beaverdam—J. J. T. Reese, Sweetwater, N. C.
Beech Mountain—L. W. McGuire, Dark Ridge.
Big Laurel—Hugh Hagaman, Mit, Tenn.
Boone—W. C. Coffey, Boone, N. C.
Brushy Fork—J. F. Davis, Vilas, N. C.
Cove Creek—J. J. Glenn, Sugar Grove, N. C.
Cool Spring—J. M. Payne, Blowing Rock.
Elk Knob—L. A. Wilson, Sutherland, N. C.
Elk Valley—A. M. Johnson, Banner Elk, N. C.
Flat Top—Andrew Cornish, Blowing Rock, N. C.
Fall Creek—G. W. Brown, Dark Ridge, N. C.
Gap Creek—J. B. Hopkins, Gap Creek, N. C.
Howard's Creek—John Norris, Sands, N. C.
Laurel Springs—Miss Chana E. Brown, Virgil, N. C.
Meat Camp—L. A. Green, Norris, N. C.
Mt. Calvary—J. C. Capell, Banner Elk.
Mt. Gilead—John McBride, Dark Ridge.
Mt. Pleasant—Presley Shepherd, Gap Creek.
Mt. Zion—Solomon Younce, Zionsville.
South Fork—J. T. Stephens, Elk Cross Roads.
Sampson—T. L. Jones, Penley.
Three Forks—J. C. Horton, Horton.
Zion Hill—Eli Harman, Watauga Falls.
Shull's Mills—G. W. Robbins, Shull's Mills.

Adopted the following report on

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

For one hundred years the Baptist of North Carolina made no provision for the orphan children of their dead brethren and sisters. At last they have opened an or-

phanage at Thomasville and ninety-two poor and promising children are enjoying its advantages. The question before us is, what part we will take in its support. Money is indispensable, while wool, new cloth, and feathers for pillows, as well as bacon, cheese, butter, fruit and cabbage delivered to the Railroad agent at Lenoir, are always helpful. Those who three times a day sit down to loaded tables, should show their gratitude to the Giver of every good gift by sometimes dividing with those who suffer from hunger.

We recommend a contribution for the present needs, and pledges for the future support of the children specially dependent upon us.

ASA BROWN,
J. H. FARTHING,
Committee.

Took the following pledges for the Orphanage: Antioch, $4; Bethel, $10; Beaverdam, $2; Beech Mountain, 50c; Big Laurel, $2; Boone, $10; Brushy Fork, $2; Cove Creek, $5; Cool Spring, $1; Elk Knob $1; Elk Valley, $2; Flat Top, $2; Fall Creek, $1; G. W. Brown, $1; Gap Creek, $2; Howard's Creek, $2; Laurel Spring, $5; Meat Camp, $5; Mt. Calvary, $2; Mt. Gilead, $1; Mt. Zion, $10; South Fork, $2; Sampson, $1; Three Forks, $10; Shull's Mills, $2; W. F. Knight, $1; total, $86.50. And took a collection for same amounting to $24.88.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock, p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Met at the hour of adjournment.
Prayer by E. F. Jones.

Adopted the following on

PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals most heartily recommend to all of our churches the *Biblical Recorder*. This is the Baptist paper of this State and should be taken by every family connected with our churches.

We recommend also *The Foreign Mission Journal*, *The*

Gospel Herald, Charity and Children, and the Sunday School publications of the Home Mission Board at Atlanta, Ga., and of the American Baptist Pub. Society of Philadelphia. Our people should read more and they should read the best.

J. F. SPAINHOUR,
Committee.

Adopted the report on

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

With the body of M. T. Yates sleeping in Shanghai' Mrs. M. T. Yates, D. W. Herring and wife, R. T. Bryan and wife in China, E. F. Baldwin, wife, and two daughters in Morocco, C. L. Powell and wife in Africa, representing the Baptist churches of North Carolina in these heathen lands, and T. C. Britten, E. F. Tatum, and L. M. Chappell and wife under appointment to sail for China in November, and Miss Lillian Wright under appointment to go to Mexico in this month, and others impressed to obey the Great Command of our risen Lord, we should thank God and take courage. The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has in Pagan and Papal lands 54 representatives of our Churches and 60 natives—114 in all—struggling as best they can to give the Gospel, as we believe it, to the people of China, Africa, Italy, Brazil, and Mexico. Let us most earnestly seek information about this great work.

We recommend, therefore, that our people read a book, "Crisis of Missions," costing in paper 35 cents, and in cloth, $1.25; the Foreign Mission Journal and the Gospel Herald; that the Pastors tell the churches more about this work, that we all most earnestly pray God to bless the Gospel as preached to the heathen, and that we all make larger contributions to sustain these devoted men—our brethren who have gone, as the messengers of our churches to do this blessed work for Christ and humanity.

J. J. L. SHERWOOD,
J. F. SPAINHOUR,
Committee.

On the reception of the above report, took the following pledges for same:

Bethel, $5; Beaverdam, $2; Boone, $5; Brushy

Fork, $3, Cove Creek, $2.50; Flat Top, $2; Fall Creek, $1; Gap Creek, $3; Howard's Creek, $1; Laurel Spring, $3; Meat Camp, $2; J. C. Chapell, 50c. paid; Mt. Gilead, $1; Mt. Zion, $10; South Fork, $1; Sampson, $1; Three Forks, $5; Shull's Mills, $1; Total $49.00.

Adopted the following report on

FINANCE.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following report:

Received for Minute fund	$34 90
Received for State Missions	15 00
Received for Orphanage	9 50
Received for Foreign Missions	18 40
Received for Home Missions	9 20
Total amount	$87 00

The above amounts have been turned over to Treasurer of Association.

THOMAS COOK,
J. F. SPAINHOUR,
Committee.

Adopted the following report on

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

Received by Baptism, 139; received by letter, 122; Restored, 150. Total additions, 276. Dismissed by letter, 120; Excluded, 71; Deceased, 25. Total decrease, 216. Net gain in the year 60.

Fifteen churches report Pastor's Salaries. Total amount $738.01. Twelve churches report sending to Foreign Missions, $55.00. Seven churches report sending to Home and State Missions, $54.83. Twelve churches report sending to Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, $110.30.

DAVID GREEN,
W. S. FARTHING,
Committee.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

(Ending September, 1888.)

J. J. T. Reese, in account with Three Forks Association.

1887. TO AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Sept. 15.—From Treasurer	$ 6	25
For Minutes	32	50
For State Missions	26	75
For Home Missions	10	75
For Foreign Missions	35	35
For T. M. Honeycut	6	00
For Baptist Orphanage	5	70
Total	$123	30

DISBURSEMENTS.

Sept. 17.—Paid Clerk for services	$ 6	00
Sent to F. H. Briggs, Treasurer for State Missions	26	75
For Home Missions	10	75
For Foreign Missions	33	35
For T. M. Honeycut	6	00
For Baptist Orphanage	5	70
For Printing Minutes	29	00
For Postage on Minutes	3	36
For Postage on Manuscript		19
For Postage on Correspondence		22
Total	121	32
For Foreign Missions, after	2	00
	$123	32

As per item on Bill of Arrangements, on motion, a Committee, viz: A. C. Farthing, David Green, W. F. Knight, was appointed to visit the Stoney Fork Association at its next session, to ascertain what they ask, that a union may be effected.

Elected Elder E. F. Jones as a member to the Southern Baptist Convention; Elder I. W. Thomas, alternate.

Appointed E. F. Jones, I. W. Thomas, J. F. Spainhour,

A. C. Farthing, A. J. Critcher, J. J. T. Reese, W. F. Shull, J. B. Hopkins, delegates to the State Convention.

The Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of 600 Minutes, and allowed $7.50.

The Clerk was instructed to buy and distribute among the churches, "printed blanks" for Association letters.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To Watauga Association—C. S. Farthing, J. J. T. Reese, E. F. Jones, W. F. Shull.

To Ashe and Alleghany—Elder J. H. Farthing and I. W. Thomas.

To Mitchell County Association—Asa Brown and J. C. Shull.

To Caldwell County Association—Elders I. W. Thomas, J. J. L. Sherwood, A. C. Farthing and C. S. Farthing.

To Brushy Mountain—T. D. Cook and J. P. Robbins.

To Catawba—J. F. Spainhour and Asa Brown.

To New River—J. C. Johnson and J. J. L. Sherwood.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. MAST,
J. P. ROBBINS,
Committee.

The above report was amended, "That any Minister of this Association may be a Corresponding Messenger to Sister Associations."

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at Mt. Zion church. A hymn was sung; the brethren gave the parting hand.

Prayer by Elder C. Durham.

ELDER A. C. FARTHING, Moderator.

J. J. T. REESE, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND P. O.	Ordained Ministers.	ADDED BY			DIMINISHED BY				Licentiates.	Time of Meeting, Sun. and Sat. before.
				Application	Baptism.	Letter.	Restored.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Deaths.	Total Memb'rship.		
Antioch	J. H. Farthing	Jones C. Greer, Sugar Grove, N. C.	..	..	..	..	2	6	2	..	104	1	1
Bethel	A. C. Farthing	H. H. Farthing, Sweetwater, N. C.	4	..	1	1	..	4	4	1	145	..	4
Beaverdam	J. H. Farthing	Hugh Hagaman, Sweetwater, N. C.	2	..	4	1	..	7	1	3	113	..	2
BeechMountain	R. L. Palmer	L. W. McGuire, Dark Ridge, N. C.	..	..	10	1	2	10	9	1	88	..	1
Big Laurel	Neill Campbell	Hugh Hagaman, Jr., Mit, Tenn	1	..	1	..	..	5	2	..	18	..	4
Boone	E. F. Jones	W. L. Bryan, Boone, N. C	1	..	..	2	..	1	3	..	25	..	1
Brushy Fork	J. J. L. Sherwood	L. M. Trivette, Vilas, N. C	2	1	4	4	..	11	5	1	168	3	2
Cove Creek	J. J. L. Sherwood	J. J. Mast, Vilas, N. C	1	..	15	11	1	6	2	3	175	2	3
Cool Spring	J. M. Payne, Dean Crisp	F. L. C. Hartley, Boone, N. C.	2	..	4	14	..	..	..	..	29	..	2
Elk Knob	J. C. Johnson	L. A. Wilson, Sutherland, N. C	..	..	6	2	2	2	4	..	33	1	2
Elk Valley	Jacob Younce	A. M. Johnson, Banner Elk, N. C.	..	..	9	9	..	..	..	..	40	..	2
Flat Top	I. W. Thomas	William Elrod, Blowing Rock, N. C.	..	..	..	2	..	10	2	2	64	..	4
Fall Creek	Jac. Younce, J. McBride	G. W. Brown, Dark Ridge, N. C.	1	..	9	3	..	1	..	..	31	..	1
Gap Creek	H. A. Blankenship	J. W. Church, Virgil, N. C	..	..	15	8	..	..	..	..	60	..	1
Howard's Creek	W. F. Knight	E. J. Norris, Sands, N. C.	..	..	7	5	1	..	..	4	50	1	3
Laurel Spring	W. H. Canter	Larkin Green, Rutherwood, N. C.	2	..	1	4	..	2	1	1	81	..	4
Meat Camp	W. H. Canter	L. A. Green, Norris, N. C	1	..	9	3	..	7	..	..	105	..	2
Mt. Calvary	I. J. McGinnis	B. F. Patterson, Banner Elk, N. C	..	..	2	7	1	2	1	..	40	..	4
Mt. Gilead	J. C. Johnson	J. F. McBride, Beech Creek, N. C.	1	..	5	3	1	1	5	..	63	1	3
Mt. Pleasant	Wm. Wilcoxon	Presley Shepherd, Gap Creek, N. C.	..	..	..	..	..	12	2	1	80	..	3
Mt. Zion	E. F. Jones	W. M. Jones, Zionville, N. C.	3	..	22	13	..	11	7	2	191	..	4
South Fork	I. W. Thomas	J. S. Stanberry, Elk X Roads, N. C.	1	..	2	..	2	3	1	..	82	1	1
Sampson	J. M. Payne	Elbert Adams, Penley, N. C.	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	23	..	4
*Shull's Mills.	J. C. Johnson	G. W. Robbins, Shull's Mills, N. C.	..	..	4	4	..	..	..	..	23	..	4
Three Forks	E. F. Jones	J. B. Horton, Horton, N. C	..	..	2	2	1	17	3	5	155	..	3-2
Zion Hill	A. J. Harman	D. W. Harman, Watauga Falls. N. C.	1	..	7	7	1	2	3	1	46	..	2
			23	1	140	106	14	120	61	25	2032	10	

*Newly Constituted.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Paid to State Missions.	Baptist Orphanage.	Paid to Foreign Missions.	Paid to Home Missions.	Cuba.	Pastor's Salary.	Current Church Expenses.	Total reported for 1888.
	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Antioch	1 50								1 50
Bethel	2 00	10 00		5 00	3 90		37 12	22 30	80 32
Beaverdam	2 00		2 00	2 00	3 00		54 00	20 00	83 00
Beech Mountain	1 00						10 88	18 88	30 76
Big Laurel	50						9 00		9 50
Boone	1 50		5 00	10 00					16 50
Brushy Fork	2 00		6 20			2 20	50 00	5 75	66 15
Cove Creek	2 00		48 00			2 00	100 00		152 00
Cool Spring	1 00								1 00
Elk Knob	50				1 00		14 00		15 00
Elk Valley	1 15		1 00				11 00		13 15
Flat Top	1 30	2 93	2 80	4 35			40 00		51 38
Fall Creek	75		1 00	1 00			24 76	54 76	82 27
Gap Creek	1 25		2 00	3 05			25 00		31 30
Howard's Creek	1 00								1 00
Laurel Spring	1 50		13 50	2 10					17 10
Meat Camp	1 30								1 30
Mt. Calvary	1 00		2 50						3 50
Mt. Gilead	1 00			1 00			11 75	43 96	48 71
Mt. Pleasant	1 50								1 50
Mt. Zion	3 00	5 00	6 00	10 00	10 00		125 00		159 00
South Fork	1 25	1 50		1 50	1 50		30 00		35 75
Sampson	75								75
Shull's Mills	1 00								1 00
Three Forks	2 40	5 00	15 00	10 00			200 00		232 40
Zion Hill	1 00								1 00
	$35 15	$24 43	$105 00	$50 00	$19 40	$4 20	$742 51	$165 65	$1136 84

☞The Three Forks Sunday-school sends $10 to the Orphanage and $5 to Foreign Missions; also Cove Creek Sunday-school sent $43 to Orphanage. These amounts are added to the church contributions.

I give a column for Cuba separate from Home Missions, as the letters specified it and amount. It may give better satisfaction.

The Sunday-school means reported for literature and a few other items are added to "Current Church Expenses."

For Pledges for 1889, see reports on Orphanage, Home, State and Foreign Missions, Education, &c. Pledges aggregate to $247.00. Collected besides for different objects, $41.74.

CLERK.

MINUTES

OF THE

Three Forks Association of Baptists

HELD WITH

MOUNT ZION CHURCH,

SEPTEMBER 10th, 11th and 12th, 1889.

FORTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY.

OFFICERS:

ELDER A. C. FARTHING, MODERATOR ..... Sweet Water, N. C.
JACOB YOUNCE, CLERK ..... Dark Ridge, N. C.
J. F. DAVIS, COLPORTER ..... Vilas, N. C.

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MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION, AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

BROWN, ASA	River Side,	N. C.
CAMPBELL, NEAL	Mit,	Tenn.
DAVIS, J. F	Vilas,	N. C.
FARTHING, J. H	Sweet Water,	"
FARTHING, A. C	Sweet Water,	"
FARTHING, R. P	Watauga Falls,	"
GREEN, DAVID	Norris,	"
*GREEN, WISEMAN	Vilas,	"
GREEN, SOLOMON	Stony Fork,	"
*GREEN, JACOB	Sugar Grove,	"
HOLTSCLAW, T. C	Vilas,	"
HAGAMAN, J. G	Sweet Water,	"
HARMAN, D. C	Sugar Grove,	"
HARMAN, A. J	Watauga Falls,	"
HARMAN, J. M	Sugar Grove,	"
*HARMAN, E. G	Watauga Falls,	"
*HARMAN, WILEY	Watauga Falls,	"
JOHNSON, J. C	Sweet Water,	"
JONES, E. F	Zionville,	"
KNIGHT, W. F	Blowing Rock,	"
MCBRIDE, J. F	Dark Ridge,	"
MCGINNIS, I. J	Vilas,	"
*NORRIS, JOHN	Vilas,	"
PALMER, R. S	Beech Creek,	"
PAYNE, J. M	Boone,	"
SHERWOOD, J. J. L	Vilas,	"
*STEPHENS, J. T	Elk Cross Roads,	"
THOMAS, I. W	Boone,	"
*WILSON, L. A	Sutherland's,	"
WILCOXON, WILLIAM	Elk Cross Roads,	"
YOUNCE, JACOB	Dark Ridge,	"

Those marked * are Licentiates.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

The Three Forks Association met in its Forty-ninth Session September 10th, 1889, at 11 A. M. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder David Green, the appointee. Text, Luke 9:23. After the sermon, adjourned for one hour.

The messengers reassembled again in the house by the singing of—

"I love Thy kingdom, Lord,
The house of Thine abode."

Then called to order by A. C. Farthing, the Moderator. Prayer was offered by Elder J. L. Bowers.

The Moderator appointed W. S. Farthing and W. W. Presnal as Reading Clerks, who read the church letters.

Then the Association proceeded to the election of Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the election of Elder A. C. Farthing, Moderator, and Jacob Younce, Clerk, Elders J. L. Bowers and S. M. Collis being tellers.

The Association was then declared ready for business.

An invitation was extended to newly-constituted churches, under which the petition of Forest Grove Church was read, the church received into the Association, and the delegates from it seated.

Correspondents from sister associations and visiting ministers were invited to seats with us: From Watauga, Elders J. L. Bowers, D. J. Farthing, J. D. Baker, D. B. Baker and A. Collwell; A. J. McBride as a visitor; from Mitchell county, S. M. Collis; from Caldwell, W. A. Pool; also Elder C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention; J. A. Speight, representing the *Biblical Recorder;* J. C. Stowell, representing Home Mission Board, and J. W. Oliver, representing the Baptist Orphanage; from Stony Fork, Elders John Eller, E. M. Gragg and S. D. Carroll.

On motion, it was ordered that the Moderator appoint all committees.

The following committees were then announced:

Finance—J. F. Spainhour and W. S. Farthing.
Education—E. F. Jones and J. C. Stowell.
Sunday-schools—W. S. Farthing and J. J. T. Reece.
Foreign Missions—J. J. L. Sherwood and W. A. Pool.
State Missions—David Green and C. Durham.
Temperance—S. M. Collis and I. W. Thomas.
Periodicals—J. A. Speight and Asa Brown.
Correspondence—D. C. Harman and W. W. Presnal.
Resolutions—J. J. T. Reece and J. B. Green.
Arrangements—J. J. T. Reece, J. J. L. Sherwood and I. W. Thomas.
Baptist Orphanage—Asa Brown and J. W. Oliver.
Digest of Letters—I. W. Thomas and T. P. Adams.
Pastoral Support—G. P. Sherrel and J. J. T. Reece.
Religious Exercises—Pastor and deacons of Mt. Zion Church.

On motion, called for the reading of the letter from Stony Fork Association.

On motion, received the delegates as correspondents, and to send messengers to correspond with them.

On motion, called for Report on Periodicals. Report read by J. A. Speight, and the same adopted:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee would be glad to recommend to our churches the propriety of reading our denominational papers. Literature organizes the people, and as a public-spirited, progressive people, we urge our people to subscribe to and read the *Biblical Recorder*. It is the public-spirited, wide-awake Baptist paper for North Carolina Baptists; it is sound in doctrine, devoted in tone, and fully alive to the interests of all our churches. *Charity and Children*, the orphans' paper, is desirous of your support. The Sunday-school publications of the Southern Baptist Convention, published in Atlanta, Ga., are good—yes, very good—and we commend them to our Sunday-schools.

ASA BROWN, *Chairman.*

Committee on Religious Exercises report: To-night, services by Elder J. A. Speight; to-morrow at 11 A. M., by Elder C. Durham; at 2 P. M., S. M. Collis.

Motion to adjourn till 8:30 to-morrow morning, and spend thirty minutes in religious exercises, adopted.

Prayer by Elder C. Durham.

SECOND DAY.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Religious exercises conducted by J. L. Bowers.

The house was called to order by the Moderator. Roll called and the absentees marked.

Minutes of preceding meeting read and approved.

On motion, the reading of the Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith was dispensed with.

On motion, called for

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS:

1. Call roll and mark absentees.
2. Read and correct minutes of preceding meeting.
3. Report of Committee on Home Missions.
4. Report of Committee on State Missions.
5. Report of Committee on Baptist Orphanage.
6. Report of Committee on Education.
7. Report of Committee on Temperance.
8. Report of Committee on Sunday-schools.
9. Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.
10. Report of Committee on Colportage.
11. Report of Committee on Pastoral Support.
12. Report of Committee on Correspondence.
13. Report of Committee on Finance.
14. Report on Digest of Letters.
15. Appoint time and place for next meeting of the Association, and the person to preach the Introductory Sermon.
16. Call for Report on Resolutions.
17. Call on Treasurer to report.
18. Call for miscellaneous business.

J. J. T. REECE,
J. J. L. SHERWOOD,
I. W. THOMAS.
Committee.

On motion, called for reading of query from Bethel Church, and to appoint a committee on same. C. S. Farthing, J. J. L. Sherwood and A. J. McBride were appointed.

A motion was made to appoint the next Association to convene with Three Forks Church, on Tuesday after the second Sunday in September, 1890; I. W. Thomas to preach the Introductory Sermon; J. J. L. Sherwood, alternate.

On motion, called for

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS:

This department of our work is an effort on the part of the Southern Baptist Convention to give the gospel to the destitute Indians within its bounds not supported by the State Convention; to Indians of the West, the negroes of the South, and to both negroes and white people on the island of Cuba. This work is done through a Board located at Atlanta, Ga., and as we love our Southern land, and the destitute and famishing thousands in it, let us, to the extent of our ability, aid this Board at Atlanta and the work committed to it.

The report was adopted.

The following were appointed agents:

ANTIOCH—E. M. Greer, Watauga Falls.
BETHEL—C. S. Farthing, Sweet Water.
BEAVER DAM—J. J. T. Reece, Sweet Water.
BEECH MOUNTAIN—L. W. McGuire, Dark Ridge.
BIG LAUREL—Hugh Hagaman, Mit, Tenn.
BOONE—W. C. Coffey, Boone.
BRUSHY FORK—J. F. Davis, Vilas.
COVE CREEK—J. J. Glenn, Sugar Grove.
COOL SPRING—J. M. Payne, Blowing Rock.
ELK KNOB—L. A. Wilson, Sutherland's.
ELK VALLEY—A. M. Johnson, Banner's Elk.
FLAT TOP—Andrew Cornish, Blowing Rock.
FALL CREEK—G. W. Brown, Dark Ridge.
GAP CREEK—Adolphus Yates, Gap Creek.
HOWARD'S CREEK—John Norris. Sands.
LAUREL SPRING—Miss Chaney Brown, Virgil.
MEAT CAMP—L. A. Green, Norris.
MT. CALVARY—J. C. Chappell, Banner's Elk.
MT. GILEAD—J. F. McBride, Dark Ridge.
MT. PLEASANT—Presley Shepard, Gap Creek.
MT. ZION—Solomon Younce, Zionsville.
SOUTH FORK—John Tatam, Elk Cross Roads.
SAMPSON—T. L. Jones, Penley.
THREE FORKS—C. J. Cottrell, Horton.
SHULL'S MILLS—J. C. Shull, Shull's Mills.
ZION HILL—E. G. Harman, Watauga Falls.
FOREST GROVE—Smith Hagaman, Sweet Water.

The Committee on State Missions made the following

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS:

All that has been done, is now being done, and that will be done to give the gospel to the destitute of our State, has been, is now, and will be properly designated as State Mission work. This is true, whether the missionary is under appointment of our State Board of Missions at Raleigh, or by appointment of an Association or a lone church, or whether

he be without appointment by any human action. The sooner this is recognized by all of our churches and denominations, the better it will be for the development of our churches and the Baptist cause in the State.

For more than one hundred and fifty years the Baptists of our State have been engaged in State Missions, and during all these years the work was never so large, so hopeful or so satisfactory as it is at this time. Our hope is to plant a Baptist church in every village and country neighborhood in our State. This is, under God, to be done as rapidly as possible. We recommend—

1st. That all of our pastors keep their churches well informed about the growth, prospects and needs of State Missions.

2d. That the pastors and churches be most earnestly requested to pray the Lord to bless and prosper this work in the future even more than has ever been done in the past.

3d. That the brethren and churches be urged to contribute more largely of their means to aid in this work than they have ever done in the past.

Respectfully,

DAVID GREEN,
C. DURHAM,
Committee.

Remarks were made on the above report.

The time having now arrived for the 11 o'clock sermon, a motion was made to go to the stand in the grove near by to hear a sermon from Rev. C. Durham. The people very quickly assembled in the grove by the sound of singing. Bro. Durham came forward and preached a thrilling sermon on Missions, and doubtless captured the hearts of many.

At the close of the sermon, a collection was taken for State Missions, amounting to $12.03 in cash.

The Association then adjourned till 1 P. M.

Afternoon Session.

The Association was called to order at the appointed hour by the Moderator.

The report on State Missions was adopted, and pledges were taken up as follows:

Antioch	$ 1 00	Gap Creek	$ 1 00
Bethel	5 00	Howard's Creek	2 00
Beaver Dam	5 00	Laurel Spring	1 00
Beech Mountain	1 00	Meat Camp	3 00
Big Laurel	50	Mt. Calvary	1 00
Boone	5 00	Mt. Gilead	1 00
Brushy Fork	5 00	Mt. Pleasant	1 00
Cove Creek	5 00	Mt. Zion	10 00
Cool Spring	3 00	South Fork	1 00
Elk Knob	50	Three Forks	5 00
Elk Valley	1 00	Sampson	2 00
Flat Top	2 00	Zion Hill	50
Fall Creek	1 00		

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The Thomasville Orphanage is the property of the Baptists of North Carolina, and appeals to them for their support. We should feel that it is a duty and a privilege to do this work for the good of humanity and the glory of God. He has blessed the efforts of his people in the Orphanage work, and to-day the fifth house is being built; four dwellings are

now completed, which give homes to one hundred and ten orphan children of our brethren, who have passed away and left them alone.

An indebtedness of eight hundred dollars was reported at the last annual meeting. The Orphange is in need of present help. A farm has been purchased, and the boys have been taught to work. There is not a sufficient income for a support, and contributions of anything to eat and to wear are gratefully received. Winter is coming, and the children must be fed and clothed as others. ASA BROWN, *Chairman.*

A collection was then taken up by Elder Asa Brown, amounting to $20.85.

The appointed agent in each church to work for the Orphanage is as follows:

ANTIOCH—L. W. Farthing.
BETHEL—W. S. Farthing.
BEAVER DAM—Mrs. Callia Wilson.
BEECH M'TAIN—G. M. McGuire, Sr.
BIG LAUREL—Mrs. E. C. Hays.
BOONE—Mrs. J. F. Spainhour.
BRUSHY FORK—Miss Polly Adams.
COVE CREEK—J. Glenn.
COOL SPRING—Louisa Cannon.
ELK KNOB—W. H. Mikels.
ELK VALLEY—J. M. Hatte.
FLAT TOP—Miss Venora Estis.
FALL CREEK—Miss A. D. Evans.
GAP CREEK—Mrs. A. Green.
HOWARD'S CREEK—Mrs. R. J. Minton.
LAUREL SPRING—Miss Chana Brown.
MEAT CAMP—A. Green.
MT. CALVARY—J. C. Chappell.
MT. GILEAD—J. F. McBride.
MT. PLEASANT—Mrs. Martha Jentry.
MT. ZION—Mrs. J. C. Jones.
SOUTH FORK—Mrs. J. S. Stanbery.
SAMPSON—Mrs. Nancy J. Adams.
SHULL'S MILLS—J. D. Brown.
THREE FORKS—Mrs. Mary Perkins.
ZION HILL—E. G. Harman.
FOREST GROVE—John Green.

Adopted the following

REPORT ON FINANCE:

Minute fund	$35 45
Received for State Missions	23 90
Received for Foreign Missions	16 00
Received for Baptist Orphanage	9 35
Education	5 00
Home Missions	9 80
Total amount	$99 50

The above amounts have been turned over to the different objects.
J. F. SPAINHOUR, *Chairman.*

The former Treasurer was called on to report.
On motion, the following was adopted:

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the year ending September 12th, 1889.

J. J. T. REECE, *In account with Three Forks Association.*

RECEIPTS.

Sept. 12.	Received from Association for State Missions	$ 16 86
	From Finance Committee for Baptist Orphanage	9 50
	From Association for Orphanage	25 78
	For Home Missions	9 20
	For State Missions	15 00
	For Foreign Missions	18 90
	For printing minutes	34 90
	Total	$130 14

DISBURSEMENTS.

Sept. 12.	Paid to Elder C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary, for State Missions	$ 16 86
	Paid to C. Durham for Foreign Missions	18 90
	Paid to J. H. Mills for Baptist Orphanage	35 28
	Paid to C. Durham for Home Missions	9 20
	For State Missions	15 00
	Paid for printing minutes	26 00
	Postage on manuscript and letter	40
	Postage on minutes	2 97
	Paid Clerk for services	7 50
	Total	$132 11
	Due printer on last year's minutes	2 27

A motion was made to pay Bro. J. J. T. Reece the $2.27 out of the minute fund.

The Query Committee was called on to report.

On motion, E. F. Jones was added to the committee.

REPORT OF QUERY COMMITTEE:

Is it scriptural for ministers to baptize persons professing faith in Christ without the authority of a church? And if so, what relation do persons so baptized sustain to the church?

Answer: We think it is not scriptural. C. S. FARTHING,
Chairman.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported Elder J. C. Stowell to preach here at the church to-night; Elder W. A. Pool, at the stand in the grove at 11 A. M. to-morrow; J. L. Bowers, at 2 P. M.

A motion to adjourn until 8:30 to-morrow morning was adopted. Prayer by ElderD. C. Harmon.

THIRD DAY.

The Association convened at the appointed hour. Elder J. C. Johnson read the 1st Psalm, and lead the religious exercises.

The Moderator then called the house to order for business.

There being a great deal of business before the body, a motion was made to limit each speech to ten minutes on the opening of each subject; other speeches five minutes.

Committee on Education submitted the following

REPORT ON EDUCATION:

The education of our children is one of the most important and most difficult questions before us. It is important, because it is to shape largely their usefulness, their happiness and their lives. It is difficult, because of our important ideas as to its shape, necessities and value. Let all parents do all that is possible to educate their children. The general condition of the country, the public schools and academies are such that parents who now neglect to educate their children have little or no excuse. This is a duty the parent owes himself, his child, the cause of Christ, and the country at large, which can admit of no substitute.

Wake Forest College for young men, Murfreesboro, Oxford, High Point and Judson College and Shelby Female College for young ladies, all under Baptist control, are commended to the brethren as institutions of learning in every way worthy of large patronage.

Wake Forest opened its fall session last year with one hundred and thirteen students, and during the year had two hundred and nineteen. This year it is reported to have opened the first day with one hundred and eighty students, and it is hoped that there may be three hundred young men this year.

The Board of Education is aiding about thirty young Baptist preachers at this college. These are worthy young men, called of God to preach the gospel, and they are poor and unable to prepare themselves for this noble work without this aid. God, in this way, gives us an opportunity to aid in this great work. We most earnestly urge that each church give people, at least once a year, an opportunity to give their means to aid the young men. Respectfully submitted,

E. F. JONES, *Chairman.*

On motion, the report was adopted. A collection was then taken for the same, amounting to $1.71 in cash, and the following amounts pledged:

Antioch	$ 50	Cove Creek	$2 00
Bethel	2 00	Fall Creek	1 00
Beaver Dam	1 00	Mt. Zion	7 00
Boone	5 00	South Fork	1 00
Brushy Fork	2 00	Three Forks	2 00

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

While the Temperance cause has made rapid progress, much yet remains to be done, and ministers should preach against the practice of making, vending or using ardent spirits in any manner as a beverage, and the churches should exercise the strictest discipline, and not retain in fellowship any member who indulges in said practice, as it is written: "And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things." 1st Corinthians ix: 25.

S. M. COLLIS,
I. W. THOMAS,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

On motion, the rule limiting speeches to ten minutes was suspended in order to allow Bro. Collis to make a speech on Temperance. He came forward and made a good speech on the same, pointing out what a delirious state men get into by drinking strong drink.

Adopted the following

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS:

The necessity for Sunday-schools is generally admitted by our Baptist people; but all of our members do not appear to fully realize the importance of co-operating in this department of Christian work.

Although our churches may not be able to secure the services of a minister on every Lord's Day, yet we believe that the professed followers of Christ should not forsake the assembling of themselves together for the purpose of worshiping the Lord; and we earnestly advise the members of our churches and the citizens of this mountain country to accompany their children to their respective places of worship on every Sabbath, in order to study the Word of the Lord and teach it to others.

We advise the Sunday-schools of this Association to use the *Kind Words* series of Lesson Helps, published at Atlanta, Ga., and to purchase their supplies from the Corresponding Secretary of our Baptist State Convention. We especially recommend that the children of our Sunday-schools be supplied with good reading matter, adapted to their capacities, such as *Kind Words*, *The Young Reaper*, *Our Young People*, etc. Respectfully submitted,

W. S. FARTHING,
J. J. T. REECE,
Committee.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee takes great pleasure in calling the attention of the Association to this department of Christian work, viz., preaching the gospel to the heathens. There is abundant warrant in the New Testament for this work, and if we regard success as an evidence of divine approbation, there is no department brighter. The Lord has honored the Baptists of North Carolina as He has no other people in calling from among us thirty brethren and sisters to labor in the foreign fields.

Now is must surely be that the churches have failed to report all that has been done this year for Foreign Missions. During the years that are to come, let us bring much larger gifts to God for this work.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is doing work in China, Africa, Italy, South America and Mexico. Our own brethren and sisters are there working for the Master, and shall we allow them to suffer for food and clothing? Remember, brethren, the words of our Lord Jesus, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

J. J. L. SHERWOOD,
W. A. POOL,
Committee.

The time having arrived for the 11 o'clock sermon, a motion was made to adjourn to meet in the grove to hear Rev. W. A. Pool, who preached a good sermon to a large and well-ordered congregation on the subject of "Extending the Gospel into all the World."

The Moderator dismissed the congregation till 1 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The report on Foreign Missions was adopted.

Pledges were taken for Foreign Missions, as follows:

Antioch	$ 50	Forest Grove	$ 1 00
Bethel	5 00	Fall Creek	1 00
Beaver Dam	2 00	Howard's Creek	1 00
Beech Mountain	50	Meat Camp	1 00
Big Laurel	50	Mt. Calvary	1 00
Boone	5 00	Mt. Gilead	50
Brushy Fork	5 00	Mt. Zion	10 00
Cove Creek	5 00	South Fork	2 00
J. F. Davis	1 00	Sampson	2 00
Elk Knob	1 00	Three Forks	5 00
Elk Valley	50	Zion Hill	1 00
Flat Top	1 00		

REPORT OF COLPORTER.

Received from E. F. Jones, Colporter, last year, books	$14 93
Cash	45 25
Total	$60 18

I have bought and sold about $25 worth of books in the last year.

Respectfully submitted, J. F. DAVIS.

The above report adopted.

On motion, continued J. F. Davis, Colporter, for the next year.

The following report was adopted on

PASTORAL SUPPORT.

The indifference and carelessness manifested in the majority of our brethren in this is most appalling. There is no other doctrine more plainly and forcibly taught in the Bible than this. The opposition arises principally from the fact that it is not congenial with our covetous nature. The majority are carnal-minded, which brings spiritual death. Every man or woman who opposes this have hidden their lights under a bushel, and are worth but little or nothing as Christians to the church or community to which they belong. The Lord hath ordained that they who preach the gospel shall live of the gospel. The greater part of our brethren say, by their conduct, that this sentence should be taken from the Bible. Brethren, read the chapter of 1st Corinthians with an understanding heart; and let us get out of the old exploded idea that the Lord will do for a man that which He has said for us to do for Him. Let us give the laborer for the Lord an ample support, and thus encourage Him in His high calling as a minister and man of God.

Our churches do not average over twenty-five dollars a year for pastoral support. This meagre amount drives them to their fields and to other business. Our churches are financially and spiritually declining. Our pastors are to some extent discouraged. Brethren, we must do more or we will come to dissolution.

J. J. T. REECE,
G. P. SHERREL,
Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted.
Adopted the following:

REPORT ON DIGEST OF LETTERS.

Received—by baptism, 174; by letter, 67; restored, 20; making 261. Lost—by exclusion, 38; by letter, 146; by death, 15; making 199. Net gain, 62.

The letters show contributions for benevolent objects as follows:

Foreign Missions	$ 42 41	
State Missions	36 97	
Orphanage	28 45	
Education	18 85	
Home Missions	6 20	
Italian Church fund	5 65	
Poor	75	
		$ 139 28
Sunday-school expenses		21 06
Church expenses		747 75
Pastoral support		633 75
Total for all objects		$ 1,593 87

Only fourteen churches report pastoral support, averaging $45.27 per church. We infer the other churches forgot to report, or did nothing, or did so little they were ashamed to report it.

We are sorry to report a falling off from last year in nearly all the work of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

I. W. THOMAS.
T. P. ADAMS,
Committee.

A motion to appoint a committee, consisting of E. F. Jones, D. C. Harman and David Green, to write out a historical sketch of the Three Forks Association, was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we, messengers, mutually agree that we will undertake greater work for the Lord in our churches this coming year than we have in the past.

Resolved, 2d. That this Association tender its thanks to brethren, sisters and friends for the very kind and hospitable entertainment of this body at this Association.

J. J. T. REECE,
J. B. GREEN,
Committee.

Report of

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Brushy Mountain Association—J. F. Spainhour, J. M. Harman and Asa Brown.

Ashe and Alleghany—I. W. Thomas, A. J. McBride and W. F. Knight.

Caldwell County—David Green, W. S. Farthing, E. F. Jones, I. W. Thomas and I. J. McGinnis.

New River—A. C. Farthing, D. C. Harman, J. J. L. Sherwood and Jacob Younce.

Stony Fork—A. C. Farthing, E. F. Jones, A. J. Harman and T. P. Adams.

Watauga—J. J. L. Sherwood, J. H. Farthing, J. F. Davis and C. S. Farthing.

State Convention—I. W. Thomas, E. F. Jones, J. J. L. Sherwood and J. H. Farthing.

Southern Baptist Convention—J. J. L. Sherwood.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. C. HARMAN,
W. W. PRESNAL,
Committee.

Called on Correspondents appointed last year to visit sister Associations to report. Report received. The same adopted.

On motion, allowed the Clerk seven dollars and fifty cents for his services.

A motion to appoint the Clerk to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes was adopted.

A motion to adjourn, after some very touching and sympathizing remarks by our aged Moderator, was adopted. Prayer was offered by J. J. L. Sherwood. Parting hymn, "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord." Benediction by the Moderator.

A. C. FARTHING,
Moderator.

JACOB YOUNCE, *Clerk.*

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

ANTIOCH—J. M. Walker, L. W. Farthing.
BETHEL—W. S. Farthing, C. S. Farthing, L. W. Farthing.
BEAVER DAM—G. P. Sherrill, J. B. Green, J. J. T. Reece.
BEECH MOUNTAIN—L. W. McGuire, W. M. Cannon, W. J. Potter.
BIG LAUREL—I. R. Hays, Hugh Hagaman.
BOONE—W. W. Presnal, J. F. Spainhour.
BRUSHY FORK—J. L. Hays, David Adams.
COVE CREEK—T. P. Adams, John McBride, J. H. Mast.
COOL SPRING—A. P. Bolick.
ELK KNOB—W. H. Michael, L. A. Wilson.
ELK VALLEY—A. E. Norman, J. M. Hiatt.
FLAT TOP—Andrew Cornish.
FALL CREEK—J. R. Gryder, G. H. Norris.
GAP CREEK—A. R. Yates.
HOWARD'S CREEK—E. J. Norris, R. J. Minton, Jesse Byers.
LAUREL SPRING—J. J. Brown, Larkin Green.
MEAT CAMP—Allen Green, J. C. Ragan.
MT. CALVARY—B. F. Patterson.
MT. GILEAD—Elias Isaacs.
MT. PLEASANT—Joel Blackburn, Leonard Goodman, Presley Shepard.
MT. ZION—Abram Younce, Hiram Jones, Martin Warren.
SOUTH FORK—Felix McGuire, John Stephens, George Tatam.
SAMPSON—M. S. Upchurch, Jesse Adams, Amos Storie.
SHULL'S MILLS—J. C. Shull, A. D. Brown.
THREE FORKS—C. J. Cotrell, R. J. Gragg, Jonathan Brown.
ZION HILL—E. T. Presnal, G. C. Harman, E. F. Harman.
FOREST GROVE—Hugh Hagaman, John Green, Smith Hagaman.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Clerks and Post-Offices.	Ordained Ministers.	Added by Baptism.	Added by Letter.	Added by Restored.	Dismiss'd by Letter.	Dismiss'd by Exclusion.	Dismiss'd by Deaths.	Total Membership.	Licentiates.	Time of meeting, Sun. & Sat. before.
Antioch	J. H. Farthing	J. C. Greer, Sugar Grove		31		8	6	1		129		1st.
Bethel	A. C. Farthing	W. S. Farthing, Sweet Water	3	10	2		14	1		128		4th.
Beaver Dam	J. H. Farthing	J. B. Green, Sweet Water	1	17	2	1	33	2	2	100		2d.
Beech Mountain	R. L. Palmer	L. W. McGuire, Dark Ridge		5		2	7	6		82		1st.
Big Laurel	H. Campelle	Hugh Hagaman, Mit, Tenn	1							16		4th.
Boone	E. F. Jones	W. L. Brian, Boone	1				2			23		1st.
Brushy Fork	J. J. L. Sherwood	L. M. Trivette, Vilas	3	17	2	2	8	2	2	170		2d.
Cove Creek	J. J. L. Sherwood	J. J. Mast, Vilas	2	7	5		7	2	1	178	2	3d.
Cool Spring	D. Crisp	T. L. C. Hartley, Boone	2	7	9			1		44		2d.
Elk Knob	J. F. Dotson	L. A. Wilson, Sutherland's		2		1	1	2		35		1st.
Elk Valley	I. J. McGinnis	A. M. Johnson, Banner's Elk			4		1	1		42		1st.
Flat Top	I. W. Thomas	J. A. Edmison, Blowing Rock			1		7			58		4th.
Fall Creek	J. Younce	G. W. Brown, Dark Ridge	1	1	2			1		32		4th.
Forest Grove	J. H. Farthing	Smith Hagaman, Sweet Water	1	4	2					39		3d.
Howard Creek	W. F. Knight	E. J. Norris, Sands		1	3		4	4		47	1	3d.
Laurel Spring	H. A. Blankinship	Larkin Green, Rutherwood	2	4			5	3	2	74		
Gap Creek	Isaac Miller	J. W. Church, Virgil			3		3	1		58		1st.
Meat Camp	David Green	L. A. Green, Norris	1	2	2			2	1	106		1st.
Mt. Calvary	I. J. McGinnis	B. F. Patterson, Banner's Elk		5	1		3	2		39		3d.
Mt. Gilead	A. J. Harmon / J. F. McBride	E. Green, Beech Creek	2	10	4	2	2			77		3d.
Mt. Pleasant	William Willcoxon	Presley Shepard, Gap Creek		4			5	3	2	74		3d.
Mt. Zion	E. F. Jones	S. Younce, Zionville	1	17	3	3	21	1		193		4th.
South Fork	I. W. Thomas	J. S. Stanbery, Elk Cross Roads	1	6	3		12	1	2	74	1	1st.
Sampson	W. F. Knights	T. L. Jones, Penley			4					23		4th.
Shull's Mills	J. C. Johnson	M. F. Presnal, Foscoe		12	1			2		32		4th.
Three Forks	E. F. Jones	W. P. Horton, Horton		9	8		6	1	3	162		2d.
Zion Hill	A. J. Harmon	D. W. Hagaman, Beech Creek	1	4	3	1	1			53		2d.
			23	174	64	20	145	36	15	2096	4	

FINANCIAL TABLE.

Churches.	Minute Fund.	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Education.	Home Missions	Baptist Orphanage.	Incidental Expenses.	Build'g and Repairs.	Pastor's Salary.	Other Objects.	Grand Total.
Antioch	$ 2 00	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 2 00
Bethel	2 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	5 00	16 20			38 60	33 60	106 42
Beaver Dam	1 50	5 00	2 00			9 50		5 00	60 93	20 00	104 23
Beech Mountain	1 00	50	50		1 40	50	1 00		17 32		21 72
Big Laurel	50								6 00		6 50
Boone	1 50	8 00	5 00	5 00		10 00			75 00		104 50
Brushy Fork	2 00		2 00			50			50 00		54 50
Cove Creek	2 00	5 00	5 00	1 35		8 75					22 10
Cool Spring	85										85
Elk Knob	40			1 00	50						1 90
Elk Valley	1 00	2 00				2 60			9 40		15 00
Flat Top	1 25	2 82	4 20			2 05			50 00		60 33
Fall Creek	80	1 00	1 00			6 00		37 25	22 55		68 60
Forest Grove	1 00										1 00
Gap Creek	1 50	40				1 00					2 90
Howard's Creek	1 00							20 00	30 00		51 00
Laurel Spring	1 50										1 50
Meat Camp	1 60				1 40	2 00					5 00
Mount Calvary	1 00				1 00	2 00		50 00			54 00
Mount Gilead	1 00	1 00			90				10 18		22 68
Mount Pleasant	1 50										1 50
Mount Zion	2 05	5 00	10 00	5 00		10 00			100 00	5 65	152 65
South Fork	1 50		1 21	1 00		1 35			30 00		34 61
Sampson	75										75
Shull's Mills	75		1 00			2 00		602 75			606 50
Three Forks	2 50	5 00	10 00	2 50		10 00			140 00		170 00
Zion Hill	1 00		1 00					40 00			42 00
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——MODERATOR;——

Rev. A. C. Farthing,.....Sweetwater,N. C.

——CLERK AND TREASURER;——

Jacob Younce,.....Dark Ridge,N. C.

——COLPORTEUR;——

J. F. Davis,..... Vilas,N. C.

——ORDAINED MINISTERS;——

Asa Brown,..... ..... Riverside,N. C.
Neal Campbell,..... ..... Mit,Tenn.
J. F. Davis,..... ..... Vilas,N. C.
J. H. Farthing,..... Sweetwater, "
David Green,..... ..... Norris, "
Solomon Green,..... ..... Stony Fork, "
T. C. Hatischaw,..... ..... Vilas, "
J. H. Hagaman,..... ..... Sweetwater, "
D. C. Harman,..... ..... Sugar Grove, "
A. J.Harman,..... ..... Watauga Falls, "
J. M. Harman,..... ..... Sugar Grove, "
J. C. Johnson,..... ..... Sweetwater, "
E. F. Jones,..... .....Zionville, "
W. F. Knight,..... .....Blowing Rock, "
J. F. McBride,..... ..... Dark Ridge, "
I. J.McGinis,..... ..... Vilas, "
R. L. Palmer,..... ..... Beech Creek, "
J. M. Payne,..... ..... Boone, "
J. J.S. Sherwood,..... .....Vilas, "
I. W. Thomas,..... ....Boone, "
William Wilcoxon,..... Elk X Roads, "
Jacob Younce,..... Dark Ridge, "
Johnathan Phillips,.....Beech Creek,,,

LICENCIATE MINISTERS;

G. W. Green,.....	..... Vilas,N. C.
Jacob Green,.....	..... Sugar Grove, "
E. G. Harman,.....	.....Watauga Falls, "
Wiley Harman,.....	.....Watauga Falls, "
J. S.Jackson,.....	..... Sutherland, "
John Norris,.....	..... Norris, "
W. J. Potter,.....	.....Dark Ridge, "
J. F. Stephens,.....	Elk X Roads, "
L. A. Wilson,.....	.....Sutherland, "
J. W. Trivette,.....	.....Dark Ridge, "
W. H. Mikels,.....	.....Sutherland, "

PROCEEDINGS.

Three Forks Church ,Watauga Co.,Sept.,16, 1890.
The Three Forks Association convened in its Fiftieth Session in the Three Forks Church. The introductory sermon was preached by Dr. C. E. Taylor Pres. of W. F.College, from Math. 8; 10,—*I have not found so great faith, no not in Israel.*--The congregation then adjourned for 45 minutes.

After recess, the Association re-assembled; prayer by Rev. D. C. Harman.The moderator appointed J. J· T. Reece and W. S. Farthing reading clerks;letters from churches read and delegates enrolled as follows;

Antioch—L. W. Farthing,E. M. Greer,J. M. Walker.
Bethel—L. G. Wilson, W. S.Farthing,H. H. Farthing

Beaver Dam—G. P. Sherrill, W. J. Hagaman, J. T J. Reece..
Beech Mountain——J W.Trivette, G.W.McGuire, J.M. Storie.
Big Laurel—Voluntine Reece.
Boone—J.F.Spainhour, W.C.Coffey, W.L.Bryan.
Brushy Fork—J.L.Hayes, J.B.Moore, David Adams.
Cove Creek—T.P.Adams, J.J.Glenn, E.Swift.
Cool Spring—R-K.Hartley, A.P.Bolick, J.M.Hartley.
Elk Knob——A.M.Main, L.A.Wilson.
Elk Valley——A- E. Norman..
Fall Creek——G.W.Brown, J.E.Perkins, W.B.Morris
Flat Top—W.M.Younce, Andrew Carnish.
ForrestGrove... Hugh Hagaman, W.R.Trivette, Smith Hagaman.
Gap Creek...J.B.Hopkins, A R Yates, J C Green
Howards Creek ..JohnNorris, R B Brown, A M Trivette
Laurel Spring...B Brown, Larkin Green, J Brown
Meat Camp...B Green, John Ragan, D C Byres
Mount Cavalry...J C chappel, B F Patterson
MountGillead.....J M Meadows, J P Wilkinson, Ervin Green
MountPleasant.....Joel Blackburn
Mount Zion..... A Roten, Solomon Younce, George Roten
South Fork-J.T.Stephens, J.H.Church Newton Howell
Sampson-T.L Jones, Amos Storie, Jessee Adams
Shull's Mills----M·F·Pressnell, Hartley Brown, John Danner
Three Forks J.H.Brown, J.M·Brown,

C. J. Cottrell.
Zion Hill——Hester Farthing, A J.Presnall.

The terms of the officers having expired,the association proceeded to ballot for the same.Rev.A.C.Farthing was re-elected moderator and Jacob YounceClerk and Treasurer. On motion asked for correspondents and ministers from sister associations; the following were present—Watauga Association, Rev. J.H.Love and brethren James Brown, J·C Baker,and, Andrew Snyder. Stony Fork Asso. Rev.John Eller and Isaac Miller. New River Asso'n Rev. W. C. Parks. Brushy Mountain Asso'n.T.C.Land. The following visitors were welcomed to seats;-Dr. C. E. Taylor,Pres. Wake Forest College Dr.C.Durham, Cor. Sec. Baptist State Convention,Dr.J.N.Stallings Pres.High Point Female College, Rev.J.A.Speight,of the Biblical Recorder. Holston Asso.Tenn.M.B.Upchurch.
The moderator appointed the following committees:—
Finance— W.S.Farthing,J.F. Spainhour.
Education—J.F.Spainhour. Dr.C .E.Taylor
Sunday Schools—G P Sherrill, J T J Reece
State Missions...J T Reece,J T Stephens,C Durham
Foreign Missions...E F Jones, C Durham
Temperance ..J H Farthing, I W Thomas
Periodicals...T P Adams, J A Speight
Correspondence...H Hagaman, D Green
Resolutions—J F McBride D C Harman
Arrangements-E F JonesJ F Spainhour j j L Sherwood
Baptist Orphanage--Asa Rrown,W S Farthing
Digest of Letters—— I W Thomas
Pastoral Support.....T P Adams,J N Stallings
Religious Exercises..... Pastors and deacons of Three Forks church.
Obituaries.....Revs.Sherwood and Thomas.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES

Dr. Stallings to preach to night at Boone, and Dr. Durham to morrow 11 A.M. at stand.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We would urge upon our people the importance of taking, and reading, our Denominational Papers. Our people need information about this work, which the churches are trying to do; we need to be brought close to this work, and to each other, in order that we may become more efficient. The Printing Press consecrated to God is one of the most potent of all agencies for good. To this end, we would urge all our people to subscribe for the *Biblical Recorder*. It is our paper, and it is devoted to the best interest of the Baptist Chrches of N.C. as in all lands. We commend the Kind Words, Sunday School Papers; with Foreign Mission Journal, and Charity & Children

Respectfully submitted,

T. P. ADAMS,
J. A. SPEIGHT,
Committee

On motion Association adjourned, with prayer by Elder Speight

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SECOND DAY.

At 9 A.M. Association assembled. Prayer by Bro. Reece,

Report of Committee of Arrangments.

1. Call Roll. 2. Read and correct minutes, of preceeding meeting 3. Report of committees,-on Education;

4,Report of correspondents appointed last year.
5,Report of committees -on correspondents,--on resolutions, -on Digest of letters,-on Baptist Orphanage,--on Temperance,-on Finance, -on History of Three Forks Association,—on Obituaries,—on Pastoral support.
6, Notice of request for letter of dismission by Samp son church. 7, Appoint time, place, and preacher for next asso. 8, Report of Colporteur.

E. F. Jones, J. J. L'Sherwood, } Committee
J. F. Spainhour. }

Called for—

Report On Education.

The duty of parents to educate their children, though now generally agreed to, is still practically ignored. We earnestly recommend to all our people as a christian du ty the education of their children as far as they are able. The academies in Watauga Co are worthy of general patronage, they are important feeders for our male and female colleges. Wake Forest College, which belongs to the baptists of N.C., has a large patronage and is doing as good work as any college in the South.
More of our youug men ought to avail themselves of its facilities. About 45 young ministers are now there preparing themseles for larger usefulness. Of these. 35 are receiving aid from the Board of Education. The work of this board should be constantly remeinbered by the churches in their contributions. The baptist colleges for young ladies at Oxford, High Point and Shelby ought to be well supported by the baptists of this state.
The special educational work for N.C. baptists for 1890 is the increase of the endowment of Wake Forest College. Bro. J. A. Bostwick has promised to pay $1 in addition to every $2 raised by our people for this object by Jan. 1 '91, up to $50,000. We hope this asso. will take part in this movement.

J. F. Spainhour } Committee.
C. E. Taylor. }

The following pledges were made to W.F.Colllege; Bethel,Beaver Dam, Flat Top,Mt.Zion each $5.00. Fall Creek,John Hopkins C.J.Cottrel each $1.00.J.F.Spain -hour, W.S.Bryan each $25.00; South Fork $3.00; W. W. Presnal $2.50; Rob't Spencer $10 00.

The following com. was appointed to work for the endowment of W FCollege;E.F.Jones,T.P.Adams and J.F.Spainhour.

Asso. at 11 A.M.adjourned to the stand when Dr. C. Durham preached, to a large congregation.

EVENING SESSION.

Asso.adopted the following—

REPORT ON HOME, & FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Over Twelve Hundred Million souls are yet without the gospel. There are over 170,000 heathen to every Male and Female missionary in foreign fields. Brethren,this is startling—so much to do and yet so few doing any thing in this great work, for the Lord! Will we assign this work to others,or will we obey the com'and of Christ, and help give the gospel to the heathen? Brethren, and Pastors.What say you? O,Brethren, let us do more than we have been doing; give more, and pray more for the missionaries, in foreign feilds.

HOME MISSIONS is the work of the Southern Baptists, in giving the gospel to Cuba, and places destitute of the gospel in the Southern states and Territories. We should help all we can to give the gospel to the people at home in our own country.Let the pastors take a collection,at least,once every year.

E. F.Jones, Chairman.

Association adopted the following—

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

This is the Lord's work and not the devil's as some have alleged.Some of our best and most talented men engage in it with all their zeal.No christian can fail to

lend to it his influence. Parents, Do you want your Children saved? Are you caring as much for the soul of of that child, as to develop his mind and to lay up property for him? If not, you have not the mind of Christ. And if we fail to use the means to lead our children to Him, we are guilty of omission, which is verily, as a crime before God. Of the 27 Churches, 19 report Sunday Schools, and 1138 Scholars. Parents, Let us consider whether, our children are among that number. If not, may the Lord help us to lead them to Christ.

We recommend the Kind Words Quarterlies.

G. P. Sherrill, } *Com.*
J. J T. Reece, }

The following was presented, and adopted;—I your Colportor submit the following Report.

Value of Books on hand, $ 19.20. Cash on hand $41. 88. Total $60.18.

J. F Davis.

On motion Eld. Davis was continued as Colportor.

The following Correspondents were appointed—To Brushy Mountain, I W Thomis, J. F. Spainhour. Ash & Alleghany, Elders I. W. Thomas, Asa Brown. Caldwell; Elders E. F. Jones, I. w. Thomas, Bro. C. S. Farthing. New River; J J. S. Sherwood, T. P. Adams. Stony Fork; A. C Farthing, David Green, D. C. Harmon, J. T. McBride. Watauga; J H. Farthing, J. J S Sherwood, J. C Johnson, W. S Farthing. Mitchel; A. C Farthing, S C. Wilson. Asa Brown, J. Yonce, A J. Harmon To State Convention; E. F. Jones, I w. Thomas, J F Spainhour A Rotan, J F Davis. To Southern Baptist Convention; Eld. E F Jones.

Association adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

Met at 9 A . M. Prayer by Bro. Yonnce.

The following Resolutions were adopted 1. That we tender our thanks to the Brethren, Sisters and friends of this community, for the kind hospitality, shown us

during this Seession of the body. 2. That we do earnestly urge all our Churches to send full reports of all their expenses and contributions, to next Asso.

Asso.adopted the following—

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

The Baptists of N. C should be congratulated upon the fact that they are the only christian denomination in the state, and perhaps in the South, that moved in the effort to establish a home for the orphans. Doubtless the fondest dreams of thos who constituted the orphanage association in 1885 have not yet been realized, but enough has been accomplished to cheer their hearts and our people throughout the state. It is a great success.11 buildings have been completed,and 128 children are receiving training in this baptist institution. It is still in need of funds to carry on the work and to increase its usefulness, and we hope our people will cheerfully and liberally respond to its appeals for help. Asa Brown, } *Com.*
W.S.Farthing }

A collection of $10 was then taken,also subscribers for Chrarity & Children.

Asso.adopted the following—

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The Baptist State Convention last Nov.said, we ought to trust the Lord to guide, and the churches to come to the aid; and undertake greater things than ever before. So our Board has appointed a larger number of missionaries this year than any year previous. We have now 96 missionaries and 15 colportors; making in all 111 brethren under appointment in these two departments. These are laboring in the different destitute sections of N. C. During the year the Board has had many urgent calls from important, hopeful, and yet destitute fields, for men to labor in the gospel; which they were compelled to decline for the lack of means. We hope soon to plant a Baptist Church in every destitute neigh-

borhood. J.J.T.Reece, Chrmn.

Collection $23.20.Pledges--Bethel,Bushy Fork, Boone,Cove Creek,Gap Creek,Mt.Zion,Three Forks $5 each.—Fall Creek,Forest Grove,Howards Creek, J M Hartley,Laurel Spring,Mt.Gillead,Mt.Pleasant,each $1 Flat Top,Meat Camp,South Fork,each $2. Beaver Dam $4.Mt-Cavalry,Elk Knob,Shull's Mills,each 50 cts.

Adopted report on PASTORAL SUPPORT.

Justice teaches us a pastor should be supported. The Scripture teach that a laborer is worthy of his hire. Paul in1 Cor.9 14 shows that a minister and his family also,should be supported ,closing by saying "The Lord hath ordained that they which preach the gospel shall live of the gospel" This teaches that a minister should look to those he serves for his living and consecrate him self to his great work.We recommend that our ministers give themselves to their work and that our churches support them. T P Adams, Chrm.

Adopted report on TEMPERANCE

The labors of our fathers aganst the curse of intemperance have been blessed. Some progress has been made in the cause during the past year. Many are awake to their duty and trying to banish it, yet some not only countenance dram drinking but drink it themselves,thus destroying their influence and disgracing the church. We advise our churches to exclude such and save themselves, as the future prosperity of our church depends upon our children. Let us labor and pray that they may be saved from this curse.

J H Farthing, I W Thomas...*Com*

Adopted report on FINANCE— *Minute* Fund 36.33 State missions 8.00 Foreign 18,28 Home 8,14 Orphanage 4,35 Total $75.10 Letter granted Simpson church Adopted report onDigest of Letters(see statistical tables) I W Thomas A M sermon by J A Speight P M Session—Adopted Treasurer's Report J Younce in acct with T F Asso Rec'd of Finance Com last year 35 45 Pd J T J Reece 2 27 for minutes 26 to Clk 7.50

Association adopted the following Historic Report.

The Three Forks Church was constituted in the year 1790 on the 6 day of November. The territory that now embraces Watauga Co. was then Wilkes Co. N. C The church was organized with seven members. We have been unable to ascertain the names of the ministers who aided in the constitution of the church. In Feb 1791 the church agreed to pay Brother Barlow 10 Shillings for every time he visited them according to the church's request. We have not learned where Barlow lived. In the year 1808 the same church appointed a committee to assess the members in order to secure means to defray church expences and Robert Shearer for many years was treasurer of the church and made his report to the church anually. There are two peculiarities about this church which we wish to mention; the appointng of Ruling Elder and Singing clerks. In the years 1793 members were dismised from Three Forks Church to constitute Roan's creek now Taylorsville or Mountain City church.

Members of the Three Forks church assisted the Yadkin Church in the organization of the Globe Church 1796. Cove Creek Church was constituted with members from Three Forks in the year 1799. Three Forks Church first became a member of Brier Creek Association, remained with that association until the organization of the Mountain Association which took place about the year 1795. The territory of the Mountain Association was very large, embracing Burke, Caldwell, Watauga, Ashe, Alleghany and some Counties in Va. The territory being so large the Fathers

organized the Three Forks Association from Churches dismissed from the Mountain Association in 1841 Nov. 5th. day, its name was taken from the Church where it was organized. It was organized before Watauga County was organized.

Consequently it was organized in Ashe Co. N. C. There were nine Churches to wit: Bear Creek, Beaver Creek, Cove Creek, Ebenezer, (now Mt. Zion) Old Fields, Pine Grove, Roans Creek, Three Forks of the North Fork and Three Forks of South Fork. The churches aggregated about 470 members and five ordained minsters. Isaiah Wilcoxen, Brazillia McBride, Jacob Fair, Jacob Green, Reuben Farthing. Licentiates, David Cook, Absalom Fair, Richard Gentry.— Isaiah Wilcoxan was moderator at the Organization of the Association and the year following. Brazillia McBride was moderator from the year 1843 to the year 1854, a period of 12 years. Elder J. A. Farthing succeeded Elder McBride and was Moderator from 1854 to 1875 a period twenty one years. Elder D. C. Harman filled the Chair for three years. Elder A. C. Farthing suceeded Eld. Harman in 1878 and has been moderator ever since, a period twelve years There have been five brethren who have served the association as Moderator through forty nine sessions of the body. Three of them have gone to their rest and two are still with us on the battlefield, For which we are grateful to our Heavenly Master. Elder Richard Gentry served the Association as Clerk for nine years, Eld. John Cook eleven years Rufus Moore three years, Hiram McBride five years. All those four men have been called to their rest and were men of noble

Christian characters. We thank God that such men ever lived and walked among us. Eld. D. C. Harman J. J. T. Reece and others have served the Association since 1868. As to doctrine a majority if not all the Churches adopted the Philadelphia confession of Faith, the doctrine of Salvation by Grace so dear to many of our hearts now. Such was the substance of our Father's Theology sinners saved by Grace was to them an inexhaustible theme; and their preaching had a wonderful effect. God heard the preaching of those; for see our Territory is limited almost to one county. We have 2096 members instead of 470 with which the association was organized. Twenty seven churches and thirty one ministers, 24 ordained and seven Licentiates. Enough ministers to hear preaching at every Church every Sunday and then spare some to go to China as missionary. For the 1st. quarter of a century the assosiation did but little mission work only what the ministers did in preaching to weak churches and sections destitute of Gospel preaching. Those preachers received very little and often nothing for their labors.

In 1860 a collection was taken at the meeting of the association for the benefit of Bro. Buckner missionary to the Indians. The collection amounted to $20.00. This being the first collection taken for missions recorded in the annals of our associational history. For many years the association met on Friday and organized and then transacted all their business on Saturday, seldom stopping to rest or even to eat dinner. They invariably had four sermons on Saturday and four on Sunday, their usual committees were Arrangements, Finance, Arrangements of the ministry (that is devotional exercises)

Within the last fifteen years there have been several changes; the association has three days for business instead of two. Committees on Foreign missions, Home missions, Education, State missions, Sunday Schools, Temperance, Colporteur and Periodicals, &c. have been added, it is too true we have done but little for the spread of the Gospel, yet we have done enough to show to the world that we are in favor of the spread of the Gospel, that there is a spirit of missions among us.

In uniting with the State convention in the mission and S. S. Work we have brought down the anathemas of our Antimission brethren on our heads. We have assisted in "carrying the war into Greece" for we have helped some in supporting missionaries of the State and Western convention in Ashe and Alleghany counties and there is a good work in progress in these counties. Brethren, one half a century of our Associational history is nearly written, we look back and see that something has been done for the Glory of the Master. The men that (lived and) were in the work fifty years ago are gone. Perhaps they did the best they could, as well as we would have done had we lived when and where they did. They commenced the work and left it to us to carry on. God calls us to greater efforts we believe if the voice of McBride, Gentry, Cook, Farthing, Harison and others could be heard in our councils today they would say onward. We should not forget they have been in the Master's School in heaven for years they have greeted with their hallelujahs the blood washed heathen as they have gone up from Burmah China Africa and the Islands of the seas.

God forbid that our shoulders should unworthy of their mantles.

Let us buckle the armor on and get close our work and closer our Master. God has given us means to support our pastors and the orphans at Thomasville and support our missionaries at home and in foreign lands. Say will we do it?

E. F. Jones.
D. C. Harman.
David Green.
Committee.

OBITUARY.

Elder R. P. Farthring, the subject of this sketch was born in Wake county, N. C. June the 28th. 1808. His father Elder William Farthing, emigrated to Ashe county N. C. now Watauga and located in the beautiful valley of Beaver Dam. In this beautiful and romantic valley he grew up to manhood. Early in life he sought the Savior and found peace by believing in Christ. He joined the Baptist church of Christ at Three Forks in the year 1826. He professed a call to the ministry and began to preach the Gospel, in 1831 He moved his membership from Three Forks to Cove Creek and remained there untill the organization of the Bethel Church near his home. He remained in Bethel church during the remainder of his life. Elder Farthing was a man of rare gifts and attainment in early life; his educational opportunties were limeted only having the advantage of the common schoo's of fifty years ago. Yet by hard study and close application he acquired the power of clothing his

ideas in the most classic language. His pronunciation was acurate, his language chaste, and his Gramatical construction almost faultless; he was sound in Theology, a firm believer in the doctrine of the church to which he belonged and possesed superior aptness in instructing the churches of which he was pastor.

Later in life he manifested a greater or deeper interest in the salvation of sinners to whom he preached with great earnestness and power. Bro. Farthing, although a man of brilliant mind and large attainments, was the most indulgent to young ministers of any one I ever knew. Ever ready to look with charity upon their failings and impart instruction. His colloqial powers were wonderful; and in the social circle he was seen to the greatest advantage. Few attempted to measure arms with him and to do so was to invite defeat I remember many very many pleasant hours spent with him both in public and in private, and many valuable lessons learned from his in structions. His doctrine was exemplified in his life. His moral character and piety was above suspicion. As a husband kind, as a father affectionate though strict; as a neighbor and citizen punctual to fulfil all his contracts and obligations.

His life was a living epistle read and known by all men. Elder Farthing in his latter days was much afflicted. I often heard him speak of the afflictions but he never murmerd. He would speak of the afflictions of Job, David, and others and say that his were not equal to theirs. He bore his affliction with christian fortitude. I never heard him express a desire that his afflictions be less but that God would give grace to support him in them.

As his end drew near his bodily sufferings increased, but he bore them with patience and christian resignation till on thr 21 st. day of December 1889, he breathed his last, surrounded by his wife, his children and friends. So closes the life of a child of God, a christian hero and, I may say truly, a great man in Isreal.

D. C. Harman

A motion was made to appoint the next association to convene with Mt. Gilead church on Tuesday after second Sunday in Sept. 1891 and Eld. J. J. L. Sherwood preach the Introductory sermon and J. T. Davis be his alternate.

Adopted.

On motion a committee was appointed consisting of J. T. Spainhour, I. W. Thomas, David Green and J. Younce, to secure historical sketches of the Three Forks association.

On motion appointed Elder E. F. Jones, Historian.

On motion appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing and discribution of the minutes.

A motion to adjourn was adopted. Prayer by Elder E. F. Jones. Benediction by the moderator.

Eld. A. C. Farthing, moderator.

Jacob Younce, Clerk.

Thus ended one of the most pleasant sessions of the Three Forks Association.

May God bless such meetings to the Glory of His name.

Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Clerks and Post Offices.	Ordained Ministers.	Baptised.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deaths.	Total Membership.	Licentiates.	Time of meeting Sunday and Saturday before.
Antioch	J. H. Fathing	J. C. Greer.....Sugar Grove	.....	.....	.....	2	6	.....	1	124	1	1st.
Bethel	A. C. Farthing	W. S. Farthing..Sweetwater	2	30	3	1	4	2	1	155	....	4tn.
Beaver Dam	J. H. Farthing	J. J.T. Reece....Sweetwater	1	3	2	.....	1	2	1	100	....	2nd.
Beech Mountain	R. S. Palmer	J. W. Trivette....Dark Ridge	.....	9	3	10	.....	10	2	89	2	1st.
Big Laurel	W. H. Carter	Hugh Hagaman.. Mtn. Grove	1	5	7	.....	.....	1	.....	19	....	4th.
Boone	E. F. Jones	W. L. Bryan.....Boone	1	.....	2	.....	1	.....	.....	24	....	3rd.
Brushy Fork	David Green	J. H. Presnell .....Vilas	4	6	7	2	7	6	3	163	1	2nd.
Cove Creek	J. J. Sherwood	J. J. Mast.....Vilas	2	32	3	1	6	4	1	203	....	3:d.
Cool Spring	Dean Crisp	T. L. C. Hartley..... Boone	2	12	2	.....	2	2	1	54	....	2nd.
Elk Knob	J. H. Save	J. M. South..... .Sutherland	.....	16	1	4	2	2	1	51	3	1st.
Elk Valley	I. J. McGhinnis	A. M. Johnson... Banner Elk	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	3	.....	36	....	1st.
Flat Top	I. W. Thomas	J A Edminson, Blowing Rock	.....	.....	7	.....	1	.....	.....	57	....	4th.
Fall Creek	Jacob Younce	W. B. Norris.....Hale	1	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	....	4th.
Forest Grove	David Green	Smith Hagaman..Sweetwater	1	3	1	.....	.....	.....	1	43	....	3rd
Gap Creek	J. C. Johnson	A. R. Yates.....Gap Creek	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	55	....	1st.
Howard's Creek	J. F. Eller	E. J. Norris.....Sands	.....	.....	4	2	2	1	.....	50	....	3rd.
Laurel Spring	H. Blankinship	J. B. Brown....Rutherwood	2	1	2	.....	5	1	3	61	....	4th.
Meat Camp	David Green	L. A. Green..... ....Norris	1	13	3	5	4	.....	.....	123	....	1st.
Mt. Calvary	R. L. Palmer	B. F. Patterson..Banner Elk	.....	1	2	.....	4	.....	1	33	....	3rd.
Mt. Gilead	J. F. McBride	Ervin Green. ....Dark Ridge	3	2	4	3	9	1	1	73	....	3rd.
Mt. Pleasant	Wm. Wilcoxen	Presley Shepard...Gap Creek	1	12	2	.....	2	.....	.....	87	....	3rd.
Mt. Zion	J. J L. Sherwood	Solomon Younce ..Zionsville	1	7	1	4	8	8	2	181	....	2nd.
South Fork	J. C. Johnson	J. S. Stanley, Elk Cross Roads	1	18	2	5	1	1	4	95	1	2nd.
Sampson	L. B. Carlton	T. L. Jones.....Penley	.....	27	14	5	1	3	.....	61	....	4th.
Shulls Mills	A. S. Church	J. D. Brown.....Shulls Mills	.....	.....	2	.....	5	1	.....	28	....	4th.
Three Forks	E. F. Jones	L. N. Perkins.....Boone	.....	15	7	1	19	4	1	163	....	2nu.
Zion Hill	A. J. Harman	D. W. Hagaman.....Harmon	1	2	14	.....	.....	3	1	67	....	2nd.
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Bethel	12	99	111	6.33			69	H. H. Farthing.....Sweetwater
Beaver Dam	7	55	62	7.75		43	48	J. J. Reese.....Sweetwater
Beech Mt.	5	64	69	45				J. W. Trivette.....Dark Ridge
Boone	5	25	30	5.00	69		40	W. C. Coffey.....Boone
Brushy Fork	7	105	112		843		257	J. W. Hollsclow.....Vilas
Cove Creek	7	77	84	9.60			384	John McBride.....Sugar Grove
Cool Spring	6	53	59					W. F. Knight.....Blowing Rock
Elk Knob	6	58	64	2.19			60	L. A. Wilson.....Sutherland
Elk Valley	5	60	65	2.50				A. M. Johson.....Banner Elk
Fall Creek	4	36	40	55			22	Jacob Younce.....Dark Ridge
Forest Grove	6	45	57	4.00			20	J. G. Hagaman.....Sweetwater
Howard's Creek	5	63	68	1.10			31	E. J. Norris.....Sands
Laurel Spring	5	43	48	1.54			57	W. R. Moore.....Rutherwood
Meat Camp	5	36	41					C. R. Norris.....Soda Hill
Mt. Calvary	4	18	22					B. F. Patterson.....Banner Elk
Mt. Gillead	7	35	44	60			20	R. L. Palmer.....Beech Creek
Mt. Pleasant	5	55	60					H. G. Phipps.....Gap Creek
Mt. Zion	8	85	93	9.25			93	Soloman Younce.....Zionsville
South Fork	8	60	68	2.66		50	60	Newton Howel.....Elk Cross Roads
Shulls Mills	3	25	28	80				Monroe Mast.....Shulls Mills
Three Forks	7	45	52	3.00			50	C. J. Cottrell.....Dearfield
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FINANCIAL TABLE

Churches.	Minute Fund.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Home Missions.	Baptist Orphanage	Incidental Expence.	Poor.	Building and Repairs.	Pastors Salary.	Other Objects.	Grand Total.
Antioch	2.00		.50			1.00	1.00		400.00	12.00		416.50
Bethel	2.25	5.00	7.05	2.00	5.85	7.25	29.45			42.00	60.69	161.54
Beaver Dam	1.50	5.00	2.00		2.96	4.00		1.00	3.00	67.28	25.00	119.22
Beech Mt.	1.10	1.00	.50							11.50	3.25	17.80
Big Laurel	.50									12.00		12.50
Boone	1.50	5.00	5.00	5.00		2.65				100.00		119.15
Brushy Fork	2.00		3.50		4.00		1.00			50.00		60.50
Cove Creek	2.00	3.24	5.90	2.00	3.60	1.89				100.00		116.63
Cool Spring	1.00											1.00
Elk Knob	.40	.50				1.00				10.00		11.90
Elk Valley	1.25		1.00		1.00							3.25
Flat Top	1.25	2.82	4.20			2.05				45.00	3.61	49.86
Fall Creek	1.00	1.00	1.00			5.00		2.00		23.35	5.00	36.35
Forest Grove	1.20	2.50	1.00		2.00				11.00	51.50		69.20
Gap Creek	1.45		1.00			1.10						3.45
Howard's Creek	1.00											1.00
Laurel Spring	1.50											1.50
Meat Camp	2.05		1.00		4.00	3.15				16.00		26.10
Mt. Calvary	.75			.45	1.00	4.00						6.20
Mt. Gilead	1.50	1.00	.50	.30		.50	2.50	1.00		10.00		16.80
Mt. Pleasant	1.50	1.00	1.10		16.05					14.00		32.65
Mt. Zion	2.13		5.00	2.15	5.00	10.00				100.00	20.20	144.48
South Fork	1.50					2.08	3.00			30.00		36.58
Sampson							1.00		15.00	50.00		
Shulls Mills	1.00		1.70									2.70
Three Forks	2.50		5.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	105.85			150.00	17.00	275.35
Zion Hill	1.00		1.00						12.00			14.00
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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Rev. A. C. Farthing, *Moderator*	Hattie,	N. C.
Jacob Younce, *Clerk*	Dark Ridge,	"
J. F. Spainhour, *Treasurer*	Boone,	"
W. S. Farthing, *Colporter*	Hattie,	"

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Asa Brown	Riverside,	N. C.
Neal Campbell	Grayson,	"
John Crisp	Norris,	"
J. F. Davis	Vilas,	"
A. C. Farthing	Hattie,	"
J. H. Farthing	Hattie,	"
David Green	Norris,	"
Solomon Green	Stony Fork,	"
J. G. Hagaman	Sweet Water,	"
D. C. Harmon	Sugar Grove,	"
A. J. Harmon	Harmon,	"
J. M. Harmon	Sugar Grove,	"
J. C. Johnson	Reese,	"
E. F. Jones	Zionville,	"
W. F. Knight	Blowing Rock,	"
A. J. McBride	Mast,	"
J. F. McBride	Dark Ridge,	"
I. J. McGinnis	Vilas,	"
R. L. Palmer	Beech Creek,	"
J. M. Payne	Boone,	"
Jonathan Phillips	Beech Creek,	"
J. J. L. Sherwood	Vilas,	"
I. W. Thomas	Boone,	"
J. T. Stephens	Reese,	"
L. A. Wilson	Sutherland,	"
Wm. Wilcoxon	Elk + Roads,	"
Jacob Younce	Dark Ridge,	"

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Wiseman Green	Vilas,	N. C.
Jacob Green	Sugar Grove,	"
E. G. Harmon	Harmon,	"
Wiley Harmon	Watauga Falls,	"
J. S. Jackson	Sutherland,	"
W. H. Mikels	Sutherland,	"
W. J. Potter	Dark Ridge,	"
J. W Triveтts	Dark Ridge,	"

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

SEPTEMBER 15TH, 1891.

The Three Forks Association met in its Fifty-first Session September 15th, 1891, at 11 A. M., with Mount Gilead Church. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. J. J. L. Sherwood, the appointee. Text: Titus 2d chapter and latter clause of 14th verse.

After the sermon, adjourned until 1 P. M.

The Association reassembled at the house for the transaction of the business of the session. The Moderator called the Association to order, with Elder J. F. Eller leading in prayer.

The Moderator appointed W. S. Farthing and Dr. C. Durham Reading Clerks; who read the Church letters.

The terms of the officers having now expired the Association proceeded to ballot for Moderator and Clerk.

Rev. A. C. Farthing was re-elected Moderator, and Jacob Younce Clerk.

The Association was then declared ready for further business.

On motion, an invitation was extended to newly constituted churches, under which the petitions of Pleasant Grove and Mount Lebanon were read, the churches received into the Association and the delegates from them seated.

On motion, correspondents from sister Associations and visiting ministers were invited to seats with us: From Watauga Association, Bros. W. O. Davis and J. D. Baker; from Stony Fork Association, Elders J. F. Eller and Wm. Lee; from Mitchell County, Elder Stephen Buchannon; also Dr. C. Durham, Correspondent Secretary Baptist State Convention, and J. C. Caddell, representative *Biblical Recorder.*

On motion, it was ordered that the Moderator appoint all committees. The following committees were then announced:

Finance—C. S. Farthing and W. S. Farthing.
Education—J. J. L. Sherwood and J. F. Spainhour.
Sunday-schools—A. Rotan and J. J. T. Reese.
Foreign Missions—E. F. Jones and C. Durham.
State Missions—G. P. Sherrill and W. S. Farthing.
Temperance—D. C. Harmon and J. F. McBride.
Pastoral Support—J. J. T. Reese and J. F. Davis.
Periodicals—Joseph Brown and J. F. Spainhour.
Correspondence—I. J. McGinnis and J. F. Davis.
Resolutions—J. F. McBride and E. J. Norris.
Arrangements—E. J. Norris, D. C. Harmon and C. J. Cotrell.
Baptist Orphanage—John Norris and Wm. Lee.
Digest of Letters—J. F. Spainhour.
Religious Exercises—Pastor and Delegates of Mt. Gilead Church.
Home Missions—J. F. Eller and Wm. Lee.

A motion to hear the reading of the Report on Periodicals by J. F. Spainhour prevailed, and the report was adopted.

A good speech was then made by J. C. Caddell, then remaks by J. F. Spainhour, John Norris, Dr. Durham and E. F. Jones.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Resolved, That we most heartily commend the *Biblical Recorder* to all our people. It is a true and faithful Baptist paper, and ought to be taken by each Baptist family in the State. We commend also the *Foreign Mission Journal*, *The Home Field*, *Charity and Children*, and *Kind Words*, *Lessons of Sunday-school Literature*.

JOSEPH BROWN.
J. F. SPAINHOUR,
Committee.

Committee on Religious Exercises report Dr. C. Durham to preach at the stand to-morrow at 11 A. M.; Elder Wm. Lee at 2 P. M.

A motion to adjourn till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning prevailed. Prayer by Dr. C. Durham.

SECOND DAY.

SEPTEMBER 16TH, 1891.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator read the 133d Psalm, after which Elder E. F. Jones led in prayer. Roll was called and absentees marked. Minutes of preceding meeting read and approved:

On motion, called for reading of

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS.

1. Report of Committee on Home Missions.
2. Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.
3. Report of Committee on State Missions.
4. Report of Committee on Baptist Orphanage.
5. Report of Committee on Education.
6. Report of Treasurer.
7. Report of Committee on Finance.
8. Report of Committee on Temperance.
9. Report of Committee on Sunday-schools.
10. Report of Committee on Pastoral Support.
11. Report of Committee on Correspondence.
12. Report of Colporter.
13. Appoint Colporter,
14. Report on Digest of Letters.
15. Appoint time and place for next meeting of the Association and the man to preach the Introductory Sermon.
16. Report of Committee on Resolutions.
18. Call for miscellaneous business.

E. J. NORRIS,
D. C. HARMON,
C. J. COTRELL,
Committee.

The above report adopted.

Called for

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions submit the following, viz.:

Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark xvi: 15.) The destitution in the Southern States and Territories and Cuba, in the Home Mission field is great; the cultivation of

that field is the work of the Southern Baptists. Much has been done and much remains to be done. As we love our homes and the souls of our own people, let us give ourselves to prayer and be more earnest in our efforts, and more liberal in our contributions to the support of the gospel in the Home Mission field.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. LEE,
J. F. ELLER.
Committee.

The above report adopted. Then pledges taken up as follows:

Antioch	$2 00	Laurel Spring	$1 00
Bethel	5 00	Meat Camp	2 00
Beaver Dam	3 00	Mt. Calvary	1 00
Boone	5 00	Mt. Gilead	4 00
Brushy Fork	2 00	Mt. Lebanon	1 00
Cove Creek	5 00	Shull's Mills	1 00
Elk Valley	1 00	Three Forks	3 00
Flat Top	2 00	Zionville	5 00
Howard's Creek	50	Zion Hill	1 00

Elder E. F. Jones read the following

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Christ says, in Matthew xx: 19 and 20, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo! I am with you alway: even unto the end of the world." Shall we obey the marching orders of the Captain of our Salvation, or shall we prove rebellious to the Divine command? Giving the gospel to the heathen is a question of loyalty to Christ. If we love Him we will keep His commandments. Let us give our earnest prayers; our contributions and our love to the salvation of the heathen for Christ's sake.

E. F. JONES, *Chairman.*

Above report adopted. Able speeches were then made by E. F. Jones and C. Durham. After the speeches pledges were made as follows:

Antioch	$ 1 00	Fall Creek	$ 2 00
Bethel	5 00	Forest Grove	1 00
Beaver Dam	10 00	Howard's Creek	1 00
Beech Mountain	1 00	Laurel Spring	1 00
Boone	10 00	Meat Camp	2 00
Brushy Fork	10 00	Mt. Calvary	1 00
Cove Creek	5 00	Pleasant Grove	1 00
Cool Spring	1 00	Zionville	10 00
Elk Knob	1 00	Zion Hill	1 00
Elk Valley	1 00	Mt. Gilead	2 00
Flat Top	2 00		

Then pledges were made by private subscriptions as follows:

D. C. Harmon	$ 5 00	Adam Green	$ 2 00
W. F. Knight	2 00	J. M. Harmon	1 00
Rufus Smith	1 00	W. S. Farthing	5 00
T. C. McBride, paid	2 50	George Rotan	1 00
C. L. Green	5 00	Henry Grogan	50
Nelson Green	2 00	Solomon Younce	1 00
G. P. Sherrell	5 00	J. M. Payne	1 00

J. F. McBride	2 00	David Green	25 00
E. F. Jones	25 00	L. C. Wilson	2 50
J. J. L. Sherwood	25 00	I. J. McGinnis	2 00
J. F. Spainhour	10 00	J. F. Davis	10 00
J. Younce	5 00	H. H. Green	1 00
J. J. T. Reese, paid	5 00	L. W. Farthing	5 00
Carrol Green	1 00	Joseph Brown, paid	2 00
E. J. Norris	1 00		

The time having arrived for the 11 o'clock service, on motion, adjourned to the stand to hear Dr. Durham, who preached a most excellent sermon on Foreign Missions. Then adjourned till 1 o'clock.

Afternoon Session.

Reassembled pursuant to adjournment. Called to order by the Moderator.

On motion, Dr. C. Durham read the

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions is that department of work in which all the Associations in the Daptist State Convention are working to give the gospel to all the destitute neighborhoods of our beloved State.

Last year our Board of Missions had 94 Missionaries and this year it has 118. These Baptist preachers preach at about 350 places—schoolhouses, brush arbors, churches, etc. These men will have by the Convention organized about fifty new churches and one hundred new Sundayschools and baptized about one thousand people. This is a great and blessed work. The Baptists have determined, the Lord helping, they will establish a Baptist church in every destitute neighborhood in North Carolina. We ask the brethren and churches of this Association to aid in this great work as liberally as possible. The 118 Baptist preachers in the employment of the Board are true and faithful men. Let us help them.

GEO. P, SHERRELL,
W. S. FARTHING,
Committee.

The above report was discussed by Dr. C. Durham and E. F. Jones. Then pledges were taken as follows:

Bethel	$5 00	Meat Camp	$1 00
Beaver Dam	5 00	Mt. Calvary	1 00
Boone	5 00	Mt. Gilead	1 00
Elk Valley	1 00	Zionville	3 00

Cash collection $2 11.

Dr. Durham suggested that the Association have a Treasurer at Boone, and that the Associational fund be paid over to him and then to the different objects.

On motion, Bro. J. F. Spainhour was appointed Treasurer of the Association.

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The Baptists of North Carolina established the Orphanage at Thomasville. Their fondest expectations have been fully realized and much has already been done to cheer the hearts of all our people throughout the State. One hundred and twenty-five children are receiving benefits at the Orphanage. The Orphanage made 146 bushels of wheat and an abundant crop of vegetables. But still they need a little meat, a few clothes and some money to meet current expenses.

Dear brethren, give the Orphanage the full benefit of one day's labor during the year. Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. LEE.
JOHN NORRIS,
Committee.

The above report was adopted, after discussion by J. H. Mills, Superintendent of the Orphanage; J. F. Spainhour, J. F. McBride and the Moderator.

A collection amounting to $6 64 was taken up and turned over to Bro. Mills.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Education was postponed until to-morrow morning.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Received from the Finance Committee last year		$36 33
Paid for printing minutes and postage on same	$25 00	
For Clerk's services	7 50	
	$32 50	
Balance on hand	3 83	
Total	$36 33	$36 33

JACOB YOUNCE, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to submit the following report. We have received from the various churches—

For printing Minutes	$ 36 95
For State Missions	20 50
For Home Missions	6 63
For Foreign Missions	25 09
For Education	5 00
For Baptist Orphanage	12 95
Total	$107 12

All of which has been paid over to the Clerk of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,
C. S. FARTHING,
W. S. FARTHING,
Committee.

A motion to call the roll of delegates and mark the absentees to-morrow evening was adopted.

On motion, adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Elder E. F. Jones.

THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY, Sept. 17th, 1891.

At the appointed hour the Moderator called the Association to order, then read the 117th Psalm. Prayer was offered by C. S. Farthing. The Minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

Elder E. F. Jones read the following

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Resolved, That we. as Baptists, believe in education in general and general education. We advise parents to take advantage of the present favorable opportunity to educate their children. We advise all young men who feel impressed with the duty to preach to obtain an education at any sacrifice. We recommend Wake Forest College as the school for our young men, and would say it is a shame on Baptists to send their boys to Chapel Hill instead of Wake Forest College. The charge is often made against the Baptists of ignorance. God hasten the day when this charge will be entirely groundless. We would advise the churches against ordaining men to the work of the ministry when they won't try to study and inform themselves.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. L. SHERWOOD,
J. F. SPAINHOUR,
Committee.

The Moderator extended an invitation to visiting ministers. W. C. Patten and P. B. Bunton accepted seats in the Association from the Watauga Association.

The following report was adopted:

ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance submit the following:

It is with profound gratitude that we report that in almost every section of this Association the cause of temperance is advancing. But sorry to say that there are some exceptions, and that none of the churches are as active as they should be in trying to suppress this deadly evil of intemperance. And it is so strange that so many people claiming to be Christians are not more active in suppressing this soul-destroying sin, and not exert all their influence in the cause of temperance, the cause of God and humanity. Among all the evils with which this earth has been cursed this is the chief, because it is the only one of which hell enlarged itself (Isaiah v: 14). Not only is woe pronounced against the drunkard. but equally upon him that giveth his neighbor drink (Hab. ii: 15). We believe the moderate dram-drinker exerts a more deadly influence over the youth of our land than the drunken sot, because no one wants io follow the example of a drunkard. We therefore advise the churches to exert all their influence to reclaim their members, and continue none in fellowship who sells, makes or aids in any way in making or using as a beverage intoxicating liquors.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. C. HARMON,
J. F. McBRIDE,
Committee.

The above report was adopted. Able discussions were then made by J. F. McBride, D. C. Harmon, J. F. Spainhour, C. S. Farthing and J. F. Davis.

Time now arrived for the 11 o'clock sermon. A motion was carried to adjourn to the stand to hear a sermon from Elder E. F. Jones, who preached a very melting and impressive sermon to a large and very orderly congregation, taking for his text Rev. xx: 12. Then adjourned till 1 P. M. for dinner.

Afternoon Session.

Association met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Moderator.

There being a great deal of business before the Association a motion was made to limit each speech to ten minutes on the opening of each subject, and other speeches to five minutes.

The Sunday-school report by A. Roton was read. Interesting speeches were then made by A. Roton, E. F. Jones and others. The following is the

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school work is the giving of knowledge of the Word of God to the children and rising generation. It is a sin, for which we must answer at the judgment, if we neglect to teach the children the Word of God, because they have no saving ordinances for these little children, no saving ordinances by which to make them Christians. They must depend alone on the Word of God and the power of the Holy Spirit to regenerate and save their children. Then let us be faithful in the Sunday-school and in the pulpit in giving the pure Word of God to the people.

A. ROTON,
J. J. T. REESE,
Committee.

The above report was adopted.

REPORT OF COLPORTER.

Books on hand	$18 25
Cash	41 93
Total	$60 18

I have bought and sold some books during the year. Do not know just how many. Respectfully submitted,

J. F. DAVIS, *Colporter.*

On motion, Bro. W. S. Farthing was appointed Colporter.

Bro. J. J. T. Reese read the following

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

Whereas, it appears from the church reports that many of the churches are not supporting their pastors in a way to enable them to study and preach in such manner as to build up the cause and strengthen the churches, we think that the members of the churches in this Association are not doing their duty in this direction. The Bible commands us to support those who minister about holy things (1st Cor. ix: 13, 14.) It is a lamentable fact that a majority of the deacons of our churches are too indifferent to this part of the Christian work, the support of the pastor.

J. J. T. REESE,
J. F. DAVIS,
Committee.

The above report adopted.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

To Brushy Mountain Association—Asa Brown and J. P. Hopkins.
Ashe and Alleghany Association—E. F. Jones and J. H. Farthing.
Caldwell County Association—C. S. Farthing and W. W. Presnal.
New River Association—J. J. L. Sherwood and J. F. Spainhour.
Stony Fork Associatin—David Green and John Norris.
Watauga—A. Roton, W. S. Farthing, A. C. Farthing and D. C. Harmon.
Mitchell County Association—J. Younce and J. F. McBride.
Baptist State Convention—J. F. Spainhour, J. J. T. Reese and J. J. L. Sherwood.
Southern Baptist Convention—E. F. Jones and I. W. Thomas.

I. J. McGINNIS,
J. F. DAVIS,
Committee.

REPORT ON DIGEST OF LETTERS.

Received by baptism, 102; by letter, 84; restored, 13; total gain, 199. Lost by exclusion, 69; by letter, 129; deaths, 19; total loss, 217; net loss, 18.

The letters show contributions for benevolent objects as follows:

Foreign Missions	$46 01
State Missions	33 10
Orphanage	27 30
Education	5 00
Home Missions	19 43
Poor	20 50

Sixteen churches report pastor support of $737 61, averaging $46 each. Perhaps the others forgot to report.

The letters show a falling off in some of the benevolent objects from last year. Let us make full reports next year on all objects and larger than ever before in the history of the Association. CLERK.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we urge our deacons to be more zealous in attending to the financial part of God's house, as it is written in Acts vi: 1-4, thereby enabling our ministers to devote all their time to the study and ministration of the Word.

Resolved, 2*d*, We extend our thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of this vicinity for their hospitality and kindness manifested toward us during this session. Respectfully submitted,

E. J. NORRIS,
J. McBRIDE,
Committee.

The above report adopted.

On motion, appointed the next session of this Association to be held with Meat Camp Church, to begin on Tuesday after the second Sunday in September, 1892, with Elder J. F. Davis to preach the Introductory Sermon and J. H. Farthing alternate.

A motion was made to read the request from Bro. E. H. Graybeal, of the Board of the Executive Committee of Ashe and Alleghany Association.

After remarks, a motion was made to table the above.

A motion to call on correspondents to report who were appointed last

year to visit sister Associations. The report made, and on motion, agreed to receive such as satisfactory.

On motion, appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes.

On motion, allowed the Clerk $7 50 for his services.

A motion to adjourn. Prayer was offered by J. H. Farthing.

A. C. FARTHING, *Moderator.*

JACOB YOUNCE, *Clerk.*

Thus ended a very pleasant session. The congregation united in singing

"How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord."

The Association adjourned with great solemnity. May honor to the Lord result from this meeting. CLERK.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

ANTIOCH—L. W. Farthing, E. M. Greer, R. L. Greer.
BETHEL—L. W. Farthing, jr., C. S. Farthing, W. S. Farthing.
BEECH MOUNTAIN—Philip Church, G. W. McGuire, sen., J. W. Trivette.
BIG LAUREL—John Eggers, Elijah Kilby.
BOONE—J. F. Spainhour, Alexander Hagaman.
BRUSHY FORK—J. P. Hagaman, J. L. Hays, L. M. Trivette.
COVE CREEK—J. H. Mast, F. M. Holtsclaw, T. C. McBride.
COOL SPRING—J. M. Hartley, J. C. Hartley.
ELK KNOB—J. S. Jackson.
ELK VALLEY—S. L. Marshall, A. E. Norman, J. M. Hyatt.
FALL CREEK—J. C. Brown, J. R. Gryder.
FLAT TOP—Andrew Cornish.
FOREST GROVE—Smith Hagaman, J. M. Johnson, M. W. Storie.
GAP CREEK—A. R. Yates.
HOWARD CREEK—E. J. Norris, E. G. Winton.
LAUREL SPRING—Bartlett Brown.
MEAT CAMP—William Green, Richard Norris.
MT. CALVARY—J. C. Chappel, A. C. Gaultney, E. F. Chappel.
MT. GILEAD—Joseph Palmer, J. W. Meadows, J. P. Wilkinson.
MT. PLEASANT—Not represented.
MT. LEBANON—G. W. McGinnis, Wiley Hodges.
PLEASANT GROVE—Rufus Smith, James Isaacs.
SOUTH FORK—Letter but no delegate.
SHULL'S MILL—Joseph Shull, John Reed.
THREE FORKS—C. J. Cotrell, Joseph Brown.
ZIONVILLE—A. Roton, Solomon Younce, Henry Grogan.
ZION HILL—D. W. Hagaman, A. J. Presnal.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND POST-OFFICES.	Ordained Ministers.	ADDED.			DISMIS'D			Total Membership.	Licentiates.	Time of meeting, Sun. and Sat. before.
				Baptisms.	Letter.	Restored.	Letter.	Exclud'd.	Deaths.			
Antioch	J. H. Farthing	Jones C. Greer, Sugar Grove, N. C		4	1		1			129		First.
Bethel	A. C. Farthing	W. S. Farthing, Hattie, N. C	2		5		1	5	1	156		Fourth.
Beaver Dam	David Green	J. C. Sherrell, Reese, N. C	2	16	2	3	5	3	1	112		Second.
Beech Mountain	J. F. McBride	L. W. McGuire, Dark Ridge, N. C		11	3	2		7		97	2	First.
Big Laurel	William Glenn	Hugh Hagam, Grayson, N. C	1	3			5			21		Fourth.
Boone	E. F. Jones	W. L. Bryan, Boone, N. C	1							24		Third.
Brushy Fork	J. J. L. Sherwood	J. H. Presnal, Vilas, N. C	3	8	5	2	22	8	3	142		Second.
Cove Creek	J. J. L. Sherwood	J. J. Mast, Vilas, N. C	3		3	1	36	4	1	158		Third.
Cool Spring	J. M. Payne	J. C. Hartley, Blowing Rock, N. C	2	3	4	1		4		60		Second.
Elk Knob	J. H. Love	J. M. South, Sutherland's, N. C			2		1	8	1	37	2	First.
Elk Valley	J. F. McBride	A. M. Johnson, Hale, N. C			3		3		1	33		Fourth.
Fall Creek	Jacob Younce	W. B. Norris, Hale, N. C			1			1		34		Second.
Flat Top	E. F. Jones	J. A. Edmiston, Blowing Rock, N. C		1			2	3		55		First.
Forest Grove	David Green	Smith Hagaman, Sweet Water, N. C	1	5	3			2		49		Third.
Gap Creek	Wm. M. Lee	J. B. Hopkins, Gap Creek, N. C		9	3					65		First.
Howard's Creek	J. F. Eller	E. J. Norris, Sands, N. C	1	12		1	1	1	1	58		Third.
Laurel Spring	J. H. Farthing	Joseph J. Brown, Virgil, N. C	2	4	2	1	6			68		Fourth.
Meat Camp	Wm Wilcoxon and Jno. Crisp	L. A. Green, Norris, N. C	2		4		6	1	1	119		First.
Mt. Calvary	C. S. Farthing	B. F. Patterson, Banner Elk, N. C		1	2			1		36		Fourth.
Mt. Gilead	J. F. McBride	Evin Green, Dark Ridge, N. C	3	1	20	1	3	2	1	89		Third.
Mt. Pleasant		Presley Shepherd, Gap Creek, N. C								*87		Third.
Mt. Lebanon	D. C. Harmon	J. D. Bryan, Valle Cruces, N. C	1		3					18		First.
Pleasant Grove	David Green	Robert Perry, Mast, N. C								36		Third.

South Fork	Wm. Wilcoxon	J. S. Stanbery, Elk Cross Roads, N. C	1	5	6	--	10	3	--	100	--	Second.
Shull's Mills	E. D. Crisp	J. D. Brown, Shull's Mills, N. C.	----	----	--	--	1	--	--	27	--	Fourth.
Three Forks	David Green	L. N. Perkins, Boone, N. C	----	2	6	--	5	2	4	157	--	First.
Zionville	. F. Jones	Solomon Younce, Zionville, N. C	1	2	6	--	17	9	4	168	--	Fourth.
Zion Hill	J. F. McBride	D. W. Hagaman, Harmon, N. C	1	15	2	1	2	6	--	76	2	Second.
			27	102	84	13	129	69	19	2211	6	

*Last year.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Min. Fund.	State Miss'n	Forgn Miss'n	Education	Home Miss'n	Bapt. Orph.	Inc'l Exp.	Buildi'g & Reprs	Pastor's Salary.	Other Objcts	Poor.	Grand Total.
Antioch	$ 1 50						$ 7 00	$ 65 00	$ 15 00			$ 80 00
Bethel	2 25	$ 5 00	$ 5 00		$ 5 00			60 00	48 00	$15 00		147 25
Beaver Dam	1 95	8 10	6 18		2 40	$ 3 85			73 00		$14 00	111 47
Beech Mountain	1 25		2 00						12 45			21 05
Big Laurel	50								6 00			6 50
Boone	1 50	5 00	3 53			5 45			100 00			115 48
Brushy Fork	2 00		2 00			2 00		25 00	75 00			106 00
Cove Creek	2 00		4 80		4 80							13 60
Cool Spring	1 15				50	50	7 15		15 00			24 80
Elk Knob	70							300 00				300 70
Elk Valley	1 00					1 00						2 00
Fall Creek	1 00		2 20						19 82			23 02
Flat Top	1 05	2 00				2 00			75 00	5 00		85 05
Forest Grove	1 25	1 00	2 00		1 83				44 77			50 47
Gap Creek	1 25		2 50			2 50						6 25
Howard's Creek	1 25											1 25
Laurel Spring	1 50							1 95	34 55			38 00
Meat Camp	2 00		95									2 90
Mt. Calvary	75	1 00										1 75
Mt. Gilead	1 50	1 00	1 00								5 00	8 50
Mt. Lebanon	50		80						12 00			15 61
Pleasant Grove	75											75
South Fork	1 50											1 50
Shull's Mills	1 00								5 00			6 00
Three Forks	2 60	5 00	5 00		5 00	5 00	10 00		100 00			132 25
Zionville	2 15	5 00	5 00	$ 5 00		5 00	9 00	25 00	100 00			136 10
Zion's Hill	1 15		3 10					4 00			1 50	9 75
Totals	$37 00	$33 10	$46 01	$5 00	$19 43	$27 30	$33 15	$480 95	$ 737 61	$20 00	$20 50	$1,546 50

SUNDAY-SCHOOL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST-OFFICES.	No. Teachers and Officers.	No. Scholars.	Total.	S. S. Expense	No. Quarterlies, &c.
Antioch	J. F. Tester, Sugar Grove, N. C	7	65	72	$ 4 21	140
Bethel	J. E. Farthing, H. H. Farthing, Hattie, N. C	12	100	112	8 50	81
Beaver Dam	W. J. Hagaman, Reese, N. C	8	60	68	9 65	65
Beech Mountain	J. F. McBride, Dark Ridge, N. C	12	93	105	1 10	22
Brushy Fork	L. M. Trivette, Vilas, N. C	6	97	103	5 67	------
Cove Creek	E. Swift, Amantha, N. C	9	48	57	12 30	344
Cool Spring	J. M. Payne, Blowing Rock, N. C	7	49	56	------	------
Elk Knob	J. S. Jackson, Southerland, N. C	5	50	55	3 75	46
Elk Valley	A. E. Norman, Hale, N. C	7	40	47	1 10	50
Fall Creek	Jacob Younce, Dark Ridge, N. C	7	42	49	1 76	55
Forest Grove	Smith Hagaman, Sweet Water, N. C	7	48	55	------	25
Laurel Springs	Eugene Brown, River Side, N. C	5	65	70	1 35	60
Mt. Calvary	B. F. Patterson, Banner Elk, N. C	3	15	18	------	------
Mt. Gilead	R. L. Palmer, Beech Creek, N. C	5	35	40	80	32
Mt. Lebanon	J. D. Bryan, Valle Crucis, N. C	8	50	58	4 15	------
South Fork	Newton Howell, Elk Cross Roads, N. C	6	40	46	------	45
Shull's Mills	N. M. Mast, Shull's Mills, N. C	4	25	29	80	65
Zionville	A. Roton, Zionville	8	75	83	8 00	75
		128	997	1,120	$63 14	1,105

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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Hon. W. S. Farthing, *Moderator*	Hattie,	N. C.
Jacob Younce, *Clerk*	Dark Ridge,	"
W. C. Coffey, *Treasurer*	Boone,	"
W. S. Farthing, *Colporter*	Hattie,	"

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Asa Brown	Riverside,	"
Neal Campbell	Grayson,	"
John Crisp	Norris,	"
J. F. Davis	Vilas,	"
A. C. Farthing	Hattie,	"
J. H. Farthing	Hattie,	"
C. S. Farthing	Hattie,	"
David Green	Norris,	"
Solomon Green	Stony Fork,	"
Edmond Green	Norris,	"
J. G. Hagaman	Butler,	Tenn.
D. C. Harmon	Sugar Grove,	N. C.
A. J. Harmon	Harmon,	"
J. M. Harmon	Sugar grove,	"
J. C. Johnson	Reese,	"
E. F. Jones	Zionville,	"
W. F. Knight	Blowing Rock,	"
J. F. McBride	Dark Ridge,	"
I. J. McGinnis	Vilas,	"
John Norris	Hattie,	"
R. L. Palmer	Beech Creek,	"
J. M. Payne	Boone,	"
Jonathan Phillips	Beech Creek,	"
J. J. L. Sherwood	Vilas,	"
J. T. Stephens	Reese,	"
L. A. Wilson	Sutherland,	"
William Wilcoxon	Elk + Roads,	"
Jacob Younce	Dark Ridge,	"
R. F. Sherrer (Col.)	Sweet Water,	"

LICENTIATE MINISTERS.

Wiseman Green	Vilas,	"
Jacob Green	Sugar Grove,	"
E. F. Harmon	Harmon,	"
E. G. Harmon	Harmon,	"
J. S. Jackson	Sutherland,	"
W. H. Mikels	Sutherland,	"
A. J. Presnal	Harmon,	"
W. J. Potter	Dark Ridge,	"
J. W. Trivett	Dark Ridge,	"

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

MEAT CAMP CHURCH, September 13, 1892.

The Three Forks Association met in its fifty-second session in this church this day, at 11 o'clock a. m. Rev. J. F. Davis preached the Introductory Sermon. Text: Luke 24:46: "And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day."

After the sermon, adjourned one hour.

At 1 p. m. met. The Moderator in the Chair proceeded to call the Association to order for the business of the same, with John Crisp leading in prayer.

Letters from the different churches were called for and received. W. S. Farthing and J. Younce were appointed Reading Clerks, by whom the letters were read.

The terms of the officers having now expired, the Association proceeded to ballot for Moderator and Clerk, with William Lee and J. F. Eller acting as tellers.

Our aged Moderator declines a re-election, and urges the Association to elect someone else.

While the tellers were counting the vote, Bro. Durham made a very impressive address in regard to what our people are doing, and have done, many of whom are gone to reap their great reward.

The tellers report the election of Hon. W. S. Farthing, Moderator, and Jacob Younce, Clerk.

The Association was then declared ready for business.

A motion prevailed to invite newly constituted churches, under which the petition of Little Zion (col.) was read, the church received into the Association, and the delegate from it seated.

On motion, extended invitation to corresponding messengers and visiting brethren who are representing Baptist interests, to seats with us.

C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary Baptist State Convention, came forward; also, J. C. Caddell, representing *Biblical Recorder;* E. J. Edwards, representing Baptist Orphanage and *Charity and Children;* J. N. Stallings, representing High Point Female College; from Stony Fork Association, William Lee, J. F. Eller; from Watauga Association, W. F. Shull; from Bushy Mountain Association, J. A. Farchilds.

On motion of D. C. Harmon, it was ordered that the Moderator appoint all the committees. The following committees were then announced:

Finance—J. P. Robbins, E. F. Jones.
Education—J. F. Spainhour, J. N. Stallings.
Sunday-schools—W. F. Shull, J. J. T. Reese.
Foreign Missions—D. C. Harmon, C. S. Farthing.
State Missions—E. F. Jones, C. Durham.
Temperance—John Crisp, D. C. Harmon.
Pastoral Support—A. C. Farthing, D. C. Harmon.
Periodicals—J. F. Davis. J. J. T. Reese.
Correspondence—John Norris, Smith Hagaman.

Resolutions—L. C. Wilson, J. F. Spainhour.
Baptist Orphanage—J. J. T. Reese, E. J. Edwards.
Digest of Letters—Solomon Younce, W. M. Jones.
Religious Exercises—Pastor and delegates of Meat Camp Church.
Home Missions—C. S. Farthing, D. C. Harmon.
Associational Missions—J. F. McBride, L. C. Wilson.

On motion, called for Report on Periodicals. Same read by J. F. Davis. Remarks were then made by J. F. Davis, J. C. Caddell, E. J. Edwards, C. Durham and E. F. Jones.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Resolved, That we most heartily commend the *Biblical Recorder* to all our people. It is a true and faithful Baptist paper, and ought to be taken by each Baptist family in the State. We commend also the *Foreign Mission Journal*, *The Home Field*, *Charity and Children* and *Kind Words*, Lessons of Sunday Literature. The above report adopted.

J. F. DAVIS,
J. J. T. REESE,
Committee.

A motion was made to adjourn. Prayer by C. Durham.

SECOND DAY.

September 14.

The Association met at 9:30 o'clock. Called to order by the Moderator. Prayer was offered by J. N. Stallings. Called roll and marked absentees. Read and approved minutes of preceding meeting.

On motion, adopted the report of the Committee of Arrangements of last year, as follows:

1. Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.
2. Report of Committee on State Missions.
3. Report of Committee on Home Missions.
4. Report of Committee on Education.
5. Report of Committee on Baptist Orphanage.
6. Report of Committee on Temperance.
7. Report of Treasurer.
8. Report of Committee on Finance.
9. Report of Committee on Sunday-schools.
10. Report of Committee on Pastoral Support.
11. Report of Committee on Correspondence.
12. Report of Colporter.
13. Appoint Colporter.
14. Report on Digest of Letters.
15. Report of Committee on Associational Missions.
16. Appoint time and place for next Association, and the man to preach the Introductory Sermon.
17. Report of Committee on Resolutions.
18. Call for miscellaneous business.

Called for the

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The last command of our risen Lord is binding on all of His people to the end of the world. The one great work the Master has given us to do, is to give the Gospel to all the world. The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is located in Richmond, Virginia, and through it the entire foreign mission work of the Southern churches is done.

The churches in this State send their contributions to J. D. Boushall, Treasurer, Raleigh, N. C., and he, in turn, sends to the Treasurer at Richmond, and the Treasurer then to the missionary on the field.

In China we have thirty-six missionaries and twenty native preachers, thirty-six churches and nine hundred and thirty members.

In Africa we have fifteen missionaries, ten native preachers, four churches and one hundred and eleven members.

In Italy we have three missionaries and eighteen native preachers, sixteen churches and three hundred members.

In Brazil we have seventeen missionaries, eight native preachers, ten churches and four hundred and twenty-five members.

In Japan we have five missionaries, four native preachers, one church and twenty-five members.

In Mexico we have twenty-one missionaries, thirty churches, nine native preachers and nine hundred and fifty-six members.

We recommend—

1. That the pastors keep the churches informed about the progress and news of Foreign Missions.

2. That each church and every member be asked to aid in this work, by their prayers and contributions.

D. C. HARMON,
Chairman.

Above report adopted.

C. Durham then made a most excellent speech on the report, pointing out many features of the foreign mission work, followed by J. F. Spainhour, E. J. Edwards, C. S. Farthing and E. F. Jones.

The Committee on Religious Exercises report J. N. Stallings to preach to-day at 11 o'clock; E. J. Edwards at 1 p. m.

On motion of A. C. Farthing, the Association adjourned until 1 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1 o'clock the Association re-assembled, and, being called to order, was lead in prayer by H. M. Croom.

The Moderator extended an invitation to E. D. Crisp and H. M. Croom, corresponding messengers from Caldwell County Association.

On motion, invited W. P. Clement, visiting brother from South Yadkin Association.

On motion of J. F. Spainhour, the regular order of the programme was changed, and the Report on Education was taken up. Same read by J. F. Spainhour.

A good speech was then made by J. N. Stallings. The following is the

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Upon the education of the masses depends, in a great measure, our prosperity, both as a State and as a denomination. We therefore urge the importance of a more effectual system of common school education. For higher education, we recommend Wake Forest College for young men, and High Point Female College for young ladies.

Respectfully submitted,
J. F. SPAINHOUR,
J. N. STALLINGS.

The above report was adopted.

Called on Treasurer to report. The following is the

REPORT OF TREASURER.

To Three Forks Association:

The following sums have been received by me during the associational year and forwarded to J. D. Boushall, Raleigh, N. C.:

Three Forks Church, for Cuban house	$10 00
Zionville Church, for Cuban house	10 00
Cave Creek Church	10 00
George Roton, for Foreign Missions	1 00
Beaver Dam Church, for Cuban house	4 32
Cave Creek Church, for wornout ministers	6 79
G. P. Sherrill, for Foreign Missions (G. W. Green)	5 00
Zionville Church, for Foreign Missions	1 20
D. C. Harmon, Foreign Missions (G. W. G.)	5 00
Beaver Dam Church, for missions (G. W. Green)	10 00
Zionville Church, for missions (G. W. Green)	10 00
Zionville Church, Home Missions	5 00
Zionville Women's Prayer Meetings	2 00
Cool Spring Church, for Baptist Orphanage	1 75
Three Forks Church, for Foreign Missions (G. W. G.)	10 00
Bushy Fork Church, for wornout ministers	2 64
Forest Grove Church, for Foreign Missions	2 65
Total	$96 90

Respectfully submitted,
J. F. SPAINHOUR,
Treasurer.

On motion, called on Clerk to report.

REPORT OF CLERK.

Received from Association last year		$124 22
Received from J. M. Payne, for Cool Spring Church		1 00
Disbursements as follows:		
State Missions, to J. D. Boushall, Treasurer	$ 22 61	
Foreign Missions, to J. D. Boushall, Treasurer	20 59	
Home Missions, to J. D. Boushall, Treasurer	6 60	
Education, to J. D. Boushall, Treasurer	5 00	
Baptist Orphanage, to J. H. Mills	19 59	
For printing Minutes	33 00	
Clerk's fee	7 50	
Balance due Association	33	
	$125 22	$125 22

Respectfully submitted.
J. YOUNCE,
Clerk.

On motion, W. C. Coffey was appointed Treasurer for the Association. A motion was made to take up the

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is located at Atlanta, Georgia, and its work is divided into five distinct departments, viz.: Missions among the Indians, missions among the negroes, missions among the foreign population coming within the ter-

ritory of the Southern Baptist Convention, missions among the native white people in some of the Southern and Western States. The Baptists of those States are to work to occupy destitutions and missions on the island of Cuba. In all of those five departments the work has been greatly blessed and hastened.

If we would be wise as a denomination, we would give the Gospel to the people of our own beloved Southland.

Perhaps, in the history of missions for the past one hundred years, no work has been more successful in teaching the people than the work of our brother, A. J. Diaz, and those united with him in the work in Cuba. Let us give our churches and people information about the work, and ask them from time to time to aid it.

C. S. FARTHING,
D. C. HARMON,
Committee.

On motion, the above report was adopted.

A motion was made to notice the request of Three Forks Church to change the basis of representation so as to allow three delegates from each church, up to fifty members; then one delegate for each additional fifty.

A. C. Farthing remarked that this clause of the constitution could be changed only by a decision from the churches.

On motion of J. F. Spainhour, the subject was referred to the churches for consideration, to report their decision to next Association.

A motion to call on correspondents to report.

Reports were made, and, on motion, agreed to receive such as were satisfactory.

A motion was made to appoint delegates to the State and Southern Baptist Conventions. To State Convention: J. F. Spainhour, E. F. Jones, C. S. Farthing, J. J. T. Reese, W. C. Coffey and W. S. Farthing. To Southern Baptist Convention: Delegates—E. F. Jones, J. F. Spainhour

The Committee on Religious Exercises report A. C. Farthing to preach at the stand at 11 o'clock to-morrow; at 1 p. m., E. D. Crisp.

A motion was made to adjourn until 9:30 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer was offered by D. C. Harmon.

THIRD DAY.

September 15.

At 9:30 o'clock the Association re-assembled and sang,

"Jesus lover of my soul,
Let me to thy bosom fly."

And being called to order by the Moderator, was led in prayer by E. D. Crisp, of Caldwell.

Read and approved minutes of yesterday. Called for

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

For more than one hundred years the Baptists have been engaged in State Missions. In this work they have laid the foundation for the present large number and their general prosperity in North Carolina. They have, year by year, enlarged this department of the work till this year the Board of Missions has, in the destitute sections, more than one hundred missionaries. These are located in thirty-four out of the forty Associations connected with our Convention. Notwithstanding all that has been done, there is much real destitution in this State. There are ten counties, according to our best information, where there is only one

Missionary Baptist preacher stationed in the native county, and there are eight counties where there are only two Baptist preachers to each county. These parts show something of the extent of the destitution yet remaining in our State. Then, in addition to the above, there are many sections and neighborhoods where Baptist churches should be established. We recommend—

1. That the pastors, at least once a year, give their people something of the history, progress, prospects and news of this work.

2. That each church, and every member of each church, be asked to aid it by their contributions.

E. F. JONES,
Chairman.

The above report adopted.

Then a collection was taken up for State Missions, same to be used in Ashe and Alleghany Associations. Collection amounting to $5.92.

On motion, called for report on Baptist Orphanage. Report read by J. J. T. Reese. Then E. J. Edwards addressed the Association in behalf of the Orphanage, followed by Asa Brown, J. H. Farthing, E. F. Jones, J. F. Spainhour. The following is the

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The Orphanage is located at Thomasville, and is the property of the Baptists. There are one hundred and twenty-four children at the Orphanage at present. These children are dependent upon the good people of North Carolina for food, clothes and education. Will not the brethren of the Three Forks Association endeavor, during the coming year, to raise one hundred dollars for this purpose?

J. J. T. REESE,
E. J. EDWARDS,
Committee.

On motion, the above report adopted.

The the Association adjourned till 1 o'clock.

Afternoon Session.

Re-assembled at the appinted time by the singing of

"O love surpassing knowledge,
O grace so full and free."

Then called to order by the Moderator.

On motion, called for report on Digest of Letters. The following in the

REPORT ON DIGEST OF LETTERS.

Received by Baptism, 133; by letter, 97; restored, 29; total, 159. Lost by exclusion, 48; by letter, 86; by death, 20. Net gain, 98.

The letters show contributions as follows:

Foreign Missions	$ 76 82
Home Missions	20 72
State Missions	16 06
Orphanage	36 70
Poor	4 05
For Ministers' Relief Fund	6 41

Twenty-one churches report pastors' salaries of $940.44, averaging $44.87½.

SOLOMON YOUNCE,
W. M. JONES,
Committee.

Called on the Finance Committee to report, who submitted the following

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

For Minute Fund	$ 38 20
Foreign Missions	46 17
For Home Missions	12 72
For State Missions	12 81
For Baptist Orphanage	7 00
For G. W. Green:	
Nelson Green	2 00
Adam Green	2 00
L. W. Farthing	5 00
J. J. T. Reese	5 00
Rufus Smith	1 50
James Isaacs	50
Henry Grogan	50
Solomon Younce	1 00
W. S. Farthing	5 00
L. C. Wilson	2 00
Collection for State Missions	5 92
Total	$137 32

J. P. ROBBINS,
Chairman.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Dear brethren, we, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following:

There has been so much written on intemperance we scarcely know what to write. We therefore refer the churches to last year's report, and if there be any who intend to persist in indulging in this evil, we earnestly beseech them to leave our ranks.

JOHN CRISP,
D. C. HARMON,
Committee.

The above report adopted. With remarks from John Crisp, pointing out the evils and dangers that people fall into by the use of intoxicating drinks.

Called for

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The wise man, Solomon, said: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Hence the importance of Sunday-schools for the early training of the rising generation, who are soon to take upon themselves the responsibilities of citizenship, and will be called upon to take hold of the reins of government. We are pleased with the progress along the line of the Sunday-school work; but there remains much to be done before we reach that plane of usefulness which lies out before us. Your committee would urge every Baptist, who can possibly do so, to attend the Sunday-school and give his influence to make it just what it should be, the church at work.

We see from the church letters to the Association that the number in Sunday-school is less than the membership of the churches. This should not be. Your committee would insist upon a general attendance all along the line of Sunday-school work.

Respectfully submitted,
W. F. SHULL,
J. J. T. REESE,
Committee.

The above report adopted. Remarks by W. F. Shull and others.
Called for .

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

Your committee are glad to report that there has been some advance along this line on the part of the churches, but we are sorry to say that they fall far below their duty in support of their pastors. Our churches pay, on an average, about $33 per year. This would scarcely remunerate him for his time spent in preaching, leaving him no time for study, as directed to do in God's word. It is the sense of this body, and we so advise the churches, that when they call a man from his business and family, that it is their first duty to see that he is fully remunerated for his services, so that he may be prepared to preach to them, giving them such instructions as they need, and while we repeat that their first duty is to their pastor, we regret to say that in some cases they have given evangelists more for ten days services than they have given to their pastor for one whole year. If we take the man of God from his family without giving him of our means in return, we rob his family and become criminally guilty before God. All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. C. FARTHING,
D. C. HARMON,
Committee.

The above report adopted. Remarks on the same by D. C. Harmon, A. C. Farthing and others.
A motion prevailed to limit the speeches to five minutes.
Called for

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

To Brushy Mountain Association—David Green and John Crisp.
To Ashe and Alleghany Association—E. F. Jones and J. H. Farthing.
To New River Association—L. C. Wilson and Asa Brown.
To Caldwell—A. C. Farthing, J. J. L. Sherwood and J. J. T. Reese.
To Stony Fork—D. C. Harmon, E. J. Norris and J. F. McBride.
To Watauga—J. F. Davis, W. S. Farthing and J. T. Stephens.
To Mitchell County Association—C. S. Farthing, L. A. Wilson and J. F. Spainhour.

JOHN NORRIS,
SMITH HAGAMAN,
Committee.

The above report adopted.
On motion, called for

REPORT OF COLPORTER.

Feb. 29, 1892.	Received from former Colporter		$10 00
May 28, 1892.	In Books from former Colporter		14 69
Sept. 14, 1892.	In cash from former Colporter		15 00
Books on hand		$13 28	
Cash on hand		26 41	
Total		$39 69	$39 69

Your Colporter has purchased within the last five months $15.40 worth of books. Sold $16.81 worth.

W. S. FARTHING,
Colporter.

On motion the above report received
A motion to continue W. S. Farthing as Colporter was adopted.
On motion, suspended the rules and called for

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Associational Missions beg leave to submit the following, to-wit: While we are giving attention to State and Foreign

Missions, we do not think that Associational Missions should be neglected. We have quite a number of ministers in this Association, yet there are still a number of places in this, our bounds, not supplied with Baptist preaching. Hence, your committee would recommend that this body take some steps to supply this demand.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. McBRIDE,
L. C. WILSON,
Committee.

The above report adopted.

On motion of D. C. Harmon, it was agreed that the next Association of this body be held with Antioch Church, to convene on Tuesday after fourth Sunday in August, 1893. J. H. Farthing to preach the Introductory Sermon, and C. S. Farthing to be his alternate.

L. C. Wilson offered the following

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, The Baptists have been stigmatized and ridiculed by many other denominations in the ages past, and have been accused of tolerating and encouraging ignorance among our people; and

WHEREAS, There seems to be want of interest by some of our Baptists in the cause of education; therefore,

Resolved 1. That we insist upon the ministers and leading members of our denomination doing all in their power to work up a deep interest in education among our people. And that our efforts should be such as to promote an interest in education among the masses of Watauga County, so that our young people may be qualified for the duties of life and be an honor to the cause of Christ.

Resolved 2. That we do earnestly insist upon the pastors of the different churches discharging the duty of instructing their churches in the mission work, so that we may have more efficient churches and church members.

Resolved 3. That we extend to our brethren, sisters and friends of this vicinity our thanks for the hospitality shown us during this session.

L. C. WILSON,
J. F. SPAINHOUR,
Committee.

The above report adopted.

On motion appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and that he be allowed $7.50 for his services.

A motion was made to adjourn, with prayer by A. C. Farthing.

The Association united in singing

"How firm a foundation,
Ye saints of the Lord."

While singing, the brethren engaged in an old-fashioned handshaking.

Benediction by A. C. Farthing.

W. S. FARTHING, *Moderator.*

JACOB YOUNCE, *Clerk.*

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

ANTIOCH—L. W. Farthing, E. M. Greer.
BETHEL—Lewis W. Farthing, L. C. Wilson, W. S. Farthing.
BEAVER DAM—J. J. T. Reese, W. F. Reese, W. J. Hagaman.
BEECH MOUNTAIN—W. M, Cannon, Robt. Church.
BIG LAUREL—John Eggers.
BOONE—W. C. Coffey, J. F. Spainhour, W. L Bryan.

Brushy Fork—W. W. Presnal, J. P. Robbins, E. L. Hermon.
Cove Creek—John H. Mast.
Cool Spring—T. M. Cannon, T. I. C. Hartley.
Elk Knob—W. H. Mikels, H. C. South.
Elk Valley—J. W. Holtsclaw, S. L. Marshall.
Fall Creek—W. B. Norris.
Flat Top—Andrew Carnish.
Forest Grove—Smith Hagaman, J. M. Johnson, J. R. Trivett.
Gap Creek—L. P. Watson.
Howard Creek—William Barnes, E. G. Minton, B. F. Hodges.
Laurel Spring—Bartlett Brown, Larkin Green, Joseph J. Brown.
Little Zion (Col.)—G. W. Whittington.
Meat Camp—Joel Norris, C. Lewis, Benjamin Green.
Mt. Calvary—J. Chappel.
Mt. Gilead—G. W. Younce
Mt. Lebanon—G. W. McGinnis.
Pleasant Grove—James Isaacs, Alexander Hagaman.
South Fork—John Tatam, C. Greer.
Shull's Mills—J. D. Brown, Harley Brown.
Three Forks—J. M. Brown. C. J. Cotrell, Joseph Brown.
Zionville—Solomon Younce, Andrew Greer, W. M. Jones.
Zion Hill—D. W. Hagaman, E. H. Farthing, A. J. Presnal.

TABLE OF PLEDGES.

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Baptist Orph'n'ge.
Bethel	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$ 5 00
Beaver Dam	4 00	5 00	4 00	3 00
Beech Mountain				1 00
Big Laurel				1 00
Boone	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00
Brushy Fork	5 00	2 00		5 00
Cool Spring	1 00			1 00
Elk Knob				1 00
Elk Valley	1 00			2 00
Fall Creek	1 00			4 00
Andrew Cornish				1 00
Forest Grove				2 00
Gap Creek				1 00
Howard Creek				1 00
Asa Brown	1 00			1 00
Laurel Spring	1 00			1 00
Meat Camp	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Mt. Gilead	4 00			2 00
Pleasant Grove				2 00
South Fork	1 00			
Shull's Mill				1 00
Three Forks	10 00		5 00	10 00
Zionville	10 00	3 00	5 00	5 00

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND POST-OFFICES.	Ord'd Min'trs.	ADDED.			DISM'D.			MEMBERSHIP.			Licentiates.	Time of meeting Sat. and Sun. before.
				Baptism.	Letter.	Restored.	Letter.	Excluded.	Deaths.	Males.	Females.	Total.		
Antioch	J. H. Farthing	Jones C. Greer, Sugar Grove	--	---	1	--	2	--	--	48	75	123	--	First
Bethel	A. C. Farthing	W. S. Farthing, Hattie	4	---	3	--	16	3	2	56	81	137	--	Fourth
Beaver Dam	David Green	J. C. Sherrill, Reese	2	8	3	2	9	7	--	43	69	112	--	Second
Beech Mountain	J. F. McBride	L. W. McGuire, Dark Ridge	--	8	3	6	5	4	--	43	62	105	2	First
Big Laurel	Neal Campbell	Hugh Hagaman, Thaxton	1	---	--	1	6	--	--	8	8	16	--	Fourth
Boone	E. F. Jones	W. L. Bryan, Bryan	--	---	--	--	6	--	--	3	10	13	--	Second
Brushy Fork	J. J. L. Sherwood	J. H. Presnal, Vilas	2	---	3	--	5	--	5	47	73	120	--	Second
Cove Creek	E. F. Jones	J. J. Mast, Vilas	2	---	--	1	13	--	2	63	82	145	--	Third
Cool Spring	C. S. Farthing	T. L. C. Hartley, Deck Hill	2	3	1	--	--	3	--	31	29	60	--	Second
Elk Knob	L. A. Wilson	J. M. South, Sutherland	1	5	--	4	--	--	--	18	27	45	--	Third
Elk Valley	J. F. McBride	A. M. Johnson, Hale	--	12	1	--	--	--	--	21	29	50	--	Third
Fall Creek	A. J. Harmon	W. B. Norris, Hale	1	3	--	--	3	2	--	10	19	29	--	Second
Forest Grove	J. H. Farthing	Smith Hagaman	1	6	9	--	2	3	--	19	39	58	--	Third
Flat Top	E. M. Gragg	J. A. Edminston, Blowing Rock	--	---	1	--	--	1	--	10	45	55	--	First
Gap Creek	W. M. Lee	J. B. Hopkins, Gap Creek	--	---	--	--	4	1	1	---	---	61	--	First
Laurel Spring	J. H. Farthing	Joseph J. Brown, Virgil	2	---	--	--	1	--	--	26	41	67	--	Fourth
Little Zion (col.)	C. S. Farthing	J. W. Moore, Sweet Water	1	4	7	--	--	--	--	7	9	16	--	First
Howard's Creek	J. H. Farthing	E. J. Norris, Sands	1	3	3	--	1	--	--	24	36	60	--	Third
Meat Camp	David Green	L. A. Green, Norris	2	2	--	2	3	3	--	---	---	117	--	First
Mt. Calvary	C. S. Farthing	B. F. Patterson, Banner's Elk	--	5	5	2	1	--	--	20	25	45	--	Fourth
Mt. Gilead	J. F. Eller	Ervin Green, Dark Ridge	3	5	5	--	--	3	1	40	57	97	--	Third
Mt. Lebanan	Edmond Green	J. D. Bryan Valle Cruces	--	17	11	--	6	--	1	17	22	39	--	First
Pleasant Grove	David Green	Robert Perry, Mast	--	23	16	--	--	1	2	32	39	71	--	Fourth
South Fork	William Wilcoxon	J. S. Stanberry, Elk + Roads	1	8	5	2	--	3	2	43	69	112	--	Fourth

STATISTICAL TABLE.—(Concluded.)

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Shull's Mills	E. D. Crisp	J. D. Brown, Kelsey	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	10	16	26	..	Fourth
Three Forks	David Green	J. C. Brown, Sands	..	8	15	3	2	1	3	73	110	183	..	First
Zionville	E. F. Jones	Solomon Younce, Zionville	1	5	2	5	11	9	2	64	82	146	..	Fourth
Zion Hill	J. F. McBride	D. W. Hagaman, Harmon	1	3	6	1	2	5	1	39	45	84	3	Second
			28	132	99	29	88	48	19	815	1208	2191	5	

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Min. Fund.	State Mis'ns	Forgn Mis'ns	Home Mis'ns	Bap. Orph	Incid'l Exp's	Poor Fund.	Build'g & Repr's	Pastor's Salary.	Other Objects	Grand Total.
Antioch	$ 1 50	$	$	$	$	$15 00	$	$	$ 37 00	$	$ 53 00
Bethel	2 25	3 75	4 08	3 72		9 00			50 00	18 20	91 00
Beaver Dam	2 00	5 00	10 00	3 00					75 00	4 32	99 32
Beech Mountain	1 25		1 00					155 08	11 05		169 69
Big Laurel	50										50
Boone	1 50	5 00	10 00	5 00					100 00		121 50
Brushy Fork	2 00		7 94		5 00			89 92	75 00		105 69
Cove Creek	1 30	2 06	5 00	10 00	6 70				120 00		144 06
Cool Spring	1 20		1 00						25 00		26 70
Elk Knob	70		1 00			4 40		9 66	8 70		14 06
Elk Valley	1 50		1 00		2 80						4 50
Fall Creek	1 00		2 00		9 00	1 00			4 60		17 60
Flat Top	1 25		2 00						50 00		53 25
Forest Grove	1 25		2 15						22 83		26 23
Gap Creek	1 25										1 25
Howard's Creek	1 50								30 00		31 50
Laurel Spring	1 15										1 15
Little Zion (col)	30					1 65			25 00		26 95
Meat Camp	1 85		1 00								2 85
Mt. Calvary	1 00								25 00		26 00
Mt. Gilead	1 50	1 00	4 00	4 00					17 75	5 00	26 55
Mt. Lebanon	1 25		1 00			7 00	1 75				14 50
Pleasant Grove	1 00		2 35						23 00		26 35
South Fork	1 75					15 00			13 00		29 75
Shull's Mills	75				1 00	9 41			10 15		21 31
Three Forks	2 50		10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00		10 00	100 00		152 50
Zionville	2 20	3 00	10 00	5 00	3 00	12 00	2 30	60 00	120 00	3 94	228 55
Zion Hill	1 35		1 80						6 06		9 21
	$38 55	$19 81	$77 32	$40 72	$36 70	$85 06	$ 4 05	$ 224 66	$ 949 14	$ 31 46	$ 1,463 80

SUNDAY-SCHOOL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST-OFFICES.	N. Officers and Teachers.	No. Scholars.	Total.	S. S. Expense.	No. Quarterlies, &c.
Bethel	L. C. Wilson and H. H. Farthing, Hattie	12	113	125	$10 27	94
Beaver Dam	J. C. Sherrill, Reese	8	70	78	8 75	80
Beech Mountain	J. F. McBride, Dark Ridge	11	56	67	1 31	19
Boone			20			
Brushy Fork	L. M. Trivett, Vilas	6	60	66	6 40	60
Cool Spring	Thomas Robbins, Blowing Rock	4	38	42		
Elk Knob	J. S. Jackson, Sutherland	5	35	40	2 25	15
Elk Valley	A. E. Norman, Hale	5	75	80		
Fall Creek	Jacob Younce, Dark Ridge	6	45	51	1 70	68
Forest Grove	Smith Hagaman, Sweet Water	7	62	69	3 80	32
Laurel Spring	Eliza Phillips, Riverside	6	65	71	2 00	68
Little Zion (col.)	G. W. Whittington, Vilas	7	52	59	4 00	37
Howard's Creek	E. J. Norris, Sands	5	28	33		
Meat Camp	C. R. Norris, Norfis	2	25	27		
Mt. Calvary	J. C. Chappel, Banner's Elk	4	25	29	2 00	30
Mt. Gilead	J. A. Storie, Dark Ridge	5	30	35	2 00	30
Mt. Lebanon	J. D. Bryan, Valle Cruces	8	62	70	3 55	350
Pleasant Grove	Robert Perry, Mast	7	35	42	4 50	100
South Fork	J. S. Stanberry, Elk + Roads	5	45	50	2 50	50
Shull's Mills	J. D. Brown, Kelsey	4	20	24	1 00	30
Zionville	A. Roton, Zionville	7	70	77	8 00	70
		133	1,031	1,135	$64 03	1,183

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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Hon. W. S. Farthing, Moderator	Hattie, N. C.
Jacob Younce, Clerk	Dark Ridge, N. C.
J. F. Spainhour, Treasurer	Boone, N. C.
W. S. Farthing, Colporter	Hattie, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Asa Brown	Riverside, N. C.
Neal Campbell	Grayson, N. C.
John Crisp	Norris, N. C.
J. F. Davis	Vilas, N. C.
A. C. Farthing	Hattie, N. C.
J. H. Farthing	Hattie, N. C.
C. S. Farthing	Hattie, N, C.
David Green	Norris, N. C.
Solomon Green	Stony Fork, N. C.
Edmond Green	Norris, N. C.
J. G. Hagaman	Sweet Water, N. C.
D. C. Harman	Sugar Grove, N. C.
A. J. Harman	Harman, N. C.
J. M. Harman	Sugar Grove, N. C.
J. C. Johnson	Reese, N. C.
E. F. Jones	Zionville, N. C.
W. F. Knight	Blowing Rock, N. C.
J. F. McBride	Bellmore City, Fla.
I. J. McGinnis	Banner's Elk, N. C.
John Norris	Sweet Water, N. C.
R. L. Palmer	Beech Creek, N. C.
J. M. Payne	Deck Hill, N. C.
Jonathan Phillips	Beech Creek, N. C.
J. J. L. Sherwood	Vilas, N. C.
J. W. Trivett	Dark Ridge, N. C.
L. A. Wilson	Sutherland, N. C.
William Wilcoxon	Elk Cross Roads, N.C.
Jacob Younce	Dark Ridge, N. C.
R. F. Sherrer (colored.)	Sweet Water, N. C.

LICENTIATE MINISTERS.

Wiseman Green	Vilas, N. C.
Jacob Green	Sugar Grove, N. C.
E. F. Harman	Harman, N. C.
E. G. Harman	Harman, N. C.
J. S. Jackson	Sutherland, N. C.
W. H. Mikels	Sutherland, N. C.
W. M. Cannon	Dark Ridge, N. C.
W. J. Potter	Dark Ridge, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

ANTIOCH CHURCH, August 29, 1893.

The Three Forks Association met in its Fifty-third Session this day with Antioch Church at 11:30 o'clock A. M. Rev. J. H. Farthing preached the Introductory Sermon, taking for his text Hebrews xiii, 8: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday and to-day and forever." The Association then adjourned till 1 P. M.

Reassembled at the time appointed, and the Moderator in the chair proceeded to call the Association to order for the business of the session, with Elder A. C. Farthing leading in prayer.

The letters from the different Churches were called for and received.

J. F. Spainhour and Smith Hagaman were appointed Reading Clerks, by whom the letters were read.

The terms of the officers having now expired, the Association proceeded to ballot for Moderator and Clerk, with W. B. McBride and L. C. Wilson acting as Tellers.

The ballot resulted in the re-election of Hon. W. S. Farthing Moderator, and Jacob Younce Clerk.

The Association was then declared ready for further business.

A motion prevailed to invite newly constituted Churches, under which the petition of Bethany was read, the Church received into the Association, and the delegates from it seated.

On motion of Elder A. C. Farthing, it was ordered that the Moderator appoint all the usual committees.

The following committees were then announced:

FINANCE.—J. J. Mast, J. F. Spainhour.
EDUCATION.—T. P. Adams, J. F. Spainhour.
FOREIGN MISSIONS.—C. S. Farthing, Smith Hagaman.
STATE MISSIONS.—G. P. Sherrill, W. H. Farthing.
TEMPERANCE.—David Green, John Norris.
PASTORAL SUPPORT.—J. H. Brown, J. F. Spainhour.
PERIODICALS.—D. C. Harman, L. C. Wilson.
CORRESPONDENCE.—Alexander Hagaman, C. S. Farthing.
RESOLUTIONS.—Smith Hagaman. Lewis W. Farthing.
BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.—J. H. Farthing, D. C. Harman.
DIGEST OF LETTERS.—William Elrod, T. P. Adams.
RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.—Pastor and Delegates of Antioch Church.
SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.—A. C. Farthing, A. Roton.
HOME MISSIONS.—R. L. Palmer, A. C. Farthing.
ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.—E. J. Norris, L. C. Wilson.
ARRANGEMENTS.—A. C. Farthing, J. M. Payne, Joseph Brown.

On motion, the Moderator and Clerk were invited to sit with the Committee on Arrangements.

On motion, an invitation was extended to Correspondents and Visiting Messengers.

W. B. McBride came forward as Correspondent from Watauga Association.

The Committee on Religious Exercises report that J. M. Payne will preach to-night in the church; C. S. Farthing to preach in the schoolhouse.

A motion prevailed to adjourn till to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock and spend half an hour in prayer.

Benediction by R. L. Palmer.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, August 30, 1893.

The Association met at 9:30 o'clock. Religious exercises conducted by Elder J. J. L. Sherwood. The Association was then called to order by the Moderator. Minutes of preceding meeting read and approved. The roll was called and absentees marked.

Read report of Committee of Arrangements, and, on motion, adopted the same. The following is the report:

1. Report of Committee on Baptist Orphanage.
2. Report of Committee on Temperance.
3. Report of Committee on Pastoral Support.
4. Report of Committee on Education.
5. Report of Committee on Periodicals.
6. Consider the request of Brushy Fork Church.
7. Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.
8. Report of Committee on State Missions.
9. Report of Committee on Sunday-schools.
10. Report of Committee on Finance.
11. Consider the subject submitted to the Churches last year in regard to changing the Constitution of the Association.
12. Report of Committee on Home Missions.
13. Report of Committee on Associational Missions.
14. Report of Committee on Correspondence.
15. Report of Committee on Digest of Letters.
16. Report of Committee on Resolutions.
17. Appoint time and place for next Association, and some one to preach the Introductory Sermon.

At this juncture the Moderator extended an invitation to Corresponding and Visiting Messengers.

W. F. Shull came forward as a Correspondent from Watauga Association.

E. J. Edwards, representing Baptist Orphanage and *Charity and Children.*

J. C. Caddell, representing *Biblical Recorder.*

D. W. Herring, Missionary, from China.

J. C. Blalock, from the Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary Baptist State Convention.

Committee on Religious Exercises report that D. W. Herring will preach in the church at 11 o'clock; E. J. Edwards at the stand in the grove at 2 P. M.

On motion of J. F. Spainhour, the report of Foreign Missions was made special business, to come up first in the evening session; State Missions to follow.

Called for

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The Orphanage is located at Thomasville, N. C., and is the property of the Baptists of the State. The farm contains 113 acres, and situated thereon are fourteen brick buildings. The Orphanage is a school for indigent children. It has no appropriations from the State, but depends upon the free-will offerings of the good people. There are at present 133 children. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Churches of Three Forks Association take regular collections for this object.

J. H. FARTHING,
D. C. HARMAN,
Committee.

The above was adopted. Cash collection, $9.34.

D. C. Harman offered the report on Periodicals, when J. C. Caddell very ably addressed the Association in behalf of the *Biblical Recorder.*
The following is the

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We heartily commend the *Biblical Recorder* and the *North Carolina Baptist* to all our people as sound Baptist literature, and ought to be in every Baptist family in the State. We also commend the *Foreign Mission Journal* and *Charity and Children.*

D. C. HARMAN,
L. C. WILSON,
Committee.

The above report adopted.
The hour having arrived for the 11 o'clock sermon, on motion the Association adjourned to listen to a sermon by Rev. D. W. Herring. After singing and prayer, the Missionary came forward, taking for his text the 14th verse of the 8th chapter of Esther. He then preached with power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit in behalf of the benighted heathen, who are perishing for the Bread of Life and passing away without God and without Christ in the world.
After the sermon, adjourned until 1 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, August 30, 1893.

Reassembled at the appointed time and sang,

"O love surpassing knowledge;
O grace so full and free."

Called to order by the Moderator
C. S. Farthing read the report on Foreign Missions. A very impressive speech was then made by D. W. Herring, which brought the subject close to our hearts by pointing out the features of his plan in this work, and urging God's people to come to action in this great work with their prayers and contribution.
Remarks by J. T. Blaylock and others.
The following is the

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In obedience to the command of our Lord to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, we believe our Baptist people should be liberal in their support of Foreign Missions. And as we have men laboring in the foreign fields, independent of any board, looking direct to the Churches for support, we therefore recommend that our contributions be sent directly to them.

C. S. FARTHING,
SMITH HAGAMAN,
Committee.

The above report was adopted.
C. Durham submitted the

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

At the last session of the Baptist State Convention State Missions was declared to be a work of vital and transcendent importance, and the Board of Missions was instructed to prosecute the work with wisdom and vigor till a self-sustaining Baptist Church should be established in easy reach of every person in the State. The Board, to the extent of the means furnished by the Churches, is doing the work as the Convention has directed. This year there are about one hundred Baptist preachers employed in more than four hundred destitute neighborhoods to preach

at least once a month to the people. The work has never been more abundantly blessed, and never in the history of the denomination have the Churches contributed so largely to it as during this year. In this, as in all of our work, the people, the Churches and Sunday-schools should be asked to aid by their prayers and contributions.

G. P. SHERRILL,
W. H. FARTHING,
Committee.

The above report was adopted.

Committee on Religious Exercises report J. F. Blaylock to preach in the church to-night; C. Durham at the stand in the grove at 11 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

On motion, adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow, and spend half an hour in devotional exercises. Benediction by C. Durham.

THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, August 31, 1893.

The Association met at the hour appointed. L. A. Wilson read the First Psalm and led the religious exercises.

The Association was then called to order by the Moderator, and the minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The Moderator extended an invitation to visiting ministers.

N. W. G. Baxter, from the Holston Association, Tenn., accepted a seat; also, E. H. Hix from Wataxga Association.

A. Roton read the following

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

After so much having been written on this subject we are at a loss to know what to write. But we are happy to know that our people are making fine progress along this line. Yet there is much work to be done. There are so many children of Baptist parents that are not enlisted in the Sunday-school work. We would advise the Sunday-school workers to go out in the highways and the hedges and beg the people to come into the Sunday-schools. We are sorry to know that some Churches are not engaged in this grand work; but hope the time will soon come when all our people will consider the responsibility that we are under in this department of Christian work.

All of which is respectfully submitted, A. C. FARTHING,
A. ROTON,
Committee.

Report adopted.

On motion of A. C. Farthing, the speeches were limited to ten minutes on the opening of each subject, other speeches five minutes.

David Greene from the committee offered the following

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Dear Brethren: We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following: We believe the temperance cause is progressing slowly, but not as it should do. And we humbly beg our preaching brethren and Churches to use all their energies to suppress this awful sin of intemperance. We refer brethren to the Word of God, which is against this evil, and may God help us to be total abstainers from this evil.

Respectfully submitted, DAVID GREENE,
JOHN NORRIS,
Committee.

Above report adopted.

J. J. L. Sherwood read the report on Pastoral Support, when A. C. Farthing made a most excellent speech on the subject.

The following is the

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

The Bible teaches pastoral support. God says that they that preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel. "If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a light matter if we reap of your carnal things?" and "no man goeth a warfare at his own charges." Therefore, we advise the Churches to be more careful for the support of their pastors.

We find that twenty-five Churches have paid this year an average of $24.68 per Church, a decrease of $8.32 per Church. If this state of things continues we will decrease in spirituality and spiritual death will be the result.

J. H. BROWN, Chairman.

The above report adopted.

A motion was made to withdraw from the State Convention and do mission work according to the Apostolic mode.

A motion prevailed to table the question.

W. C. Coffey offered his report as Treasurer of the Association.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

To Three Forks Association in session.

The following amount of cash has been received by me and forwarded to J. D. Boushall, Raleigh, N. C., and S. W. Hall, Thomasville, N. C.:

RECEIPTS.

Minute Fund	$ 38 20
Foreign Mission Fund	46 17
State Mission Fund	12 81
Home Missions	12 72
Thomasville Orphanage Fund	14 14
For G. W. Greene, Missionary	25 00
For Mission Work in Ashe and Alleghany	5 92
Received of Jacob Younce	33
Received of Bethel Sunday-school	3 00
Received of Boone Baptist Sunday-school	5 00
Received of Brushy Fork Baptist Sunday-school	80
Received of Three Forks Baptist Sunday-school Convention at Bethel Church	6 26
	$ 170 35

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Foreign Missions	$49 33	
For Thomasville Orphanage	26 04	
For State Missions	12 81	
For Home Missions	12 72	
For G. W. Greene, Missionary	25 00	
For Edwards & Broughton, printing Minutes	31 00	
For Clerk of the Association	7 50	
For Mission Work in Ashe and Alleghany	5 92	
For postage and money orders	51	
		$ 170 83

Balance due Treasurer 48

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. COFFEY, Treasurer.

Above report adopted.

On motion, J. F. Spainhour was appointed Treasurer of the Association.

On motion, the request of Three Forks Church was taken up and the Association agreed to lay the matter before the Churches for their consideration, and that they report their decision at the next session of this Association. The following is the request: "To change the basis of representation so as to allow three delegates from each Church that has a membership of fifty or less; then one delegate for each additional fifty members."

R. L. Palmer read the

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is located at Atlanta, Georgia, and its work is divided into five distinct departments, viz.: Missions among the Indians of the West, Negroes of the South, the foreign population in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the native Whites in some of the Southern and Western States. Also the work in Cuba, which the Lord has so wonderfully blessed through the labors of brother A. J. Diaz and others united with him.

We therefore urge that our people give more liberally to this object.

R. L. PALMER,
A. C. FARTHING.
Committee.

Above report adopted.

On motion, adjourned until 1 o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY EVENING, August 31, 1893.

Met at the appointed hour. The Moderator called the Association to order.

T. P. Adams read the report on Education, when Prof. D. D. Daugherty addressed the Association upon the subject of Education.

The following is the

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

There is no subject of more vital importance to us as a denomination than the subject of education. We, therefore, would urge upon our people to do everything in their power for the cause of education among us. Let the Baptists work for a more efficient public school system. For higher education, we would recommend Wake Forest and Holly Springs Colleges.

Respectfully submitted,

T. P. ADAMS.

Above report adopted.

L. C. Wilson submitted the

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

While there is not a very great destitution within the bounds of this Association, still there are places yet unoccupied by our people; and while your Committee would not recommend the employment of a regular missionary for this work, we would urge upon our people to put forth every laudable effort to supply these places with Baptist preaching.

We believe that our forces have been, and are yet, too much concentrated in some localities to the neglect of others.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. NORRIS,
L. C. WILSON,
Committee.

Above report adopted.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

To Ashe and Alleghany Association: J. C. Johnson, J. H. Farthing and David Greene.

To Brushy Mountain Association: Asa Brown, J. M. Payne and L. C. Wilson.

To New River Association: J. F. Spainhour and W. S. Farthing.

To Caldwell Association: John Crisp, J. J. L. Sherwood and John Norris.

To Stony Fork Association: J. H. Farthing, A. C. Farthing, Jacob Greene, C. S. Farthing and G. P. Sherrill.

Watauga Association: R. L. Palmer and D. C. Harman.

Mitchell County Association: A. J. Harman, Jacob Younce and J. McGinnis. Respectfully submmitted,

ALEXANDER HAGAMAN,
C. S. FARTHING,
Committee.

On motion, called on Correspondents appointed last year to visit sister Associations to report.

Reports were made, and on motion it was agreed to receive their reports and excuses as satisfactory.

Called for Report on Digest of Letters. William Elrod read the report. The following is the

REPORT ON DIGEST OF LETTERS.

Received by baptism, 145; by letter, 89; restored, 32; Dismissed by letter, 96; excluded, 50; deaths, 12. Membership: males, 857; females, 1,272; total, 2,129.

The letters show contributions as follows:

Foreign Missions	$39 10
Home Missions	20 17
State Missions	15 60
Baptist Orphanage	47 71
Poor	1 32
Minute Fund	35 65
Repairs	69 95
Other Objects	12 03
Incidental Expenses	30 49
Centennial Fund	4 58
Sunday-schools	3 85

The amount of pastors' salaries, $562.74. Some Churches fail to report salaries. All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. ELROD,
T. P. ADAMS,
Oommittee.

On motion, called for

REPORT OF COLPORTER.

Your Colporter respectfully submits the following:

Books on hand at last Association		$13 28
Cash on hand at last Association		26 41
Books on hand at present	$29 98	
Cash on hand at present	9 71	
Total	$39 69	$39 69

Your Colporter has bought within the year at publisher's prices to the amount of $50.28. Sold through the aid of a few ministers to the amount of $33.58. I am of the opinion that a good work might be done by the Colporter within the bounds of this Association, with sufficient funds, if the territory was thoroughly canvassed. I would, therefore, recommend an increase of the Colportage Fund and the appointment of some active Minister as Colporter, or some one else who can devote a good deal of time to the Colportage work.

W. S. FARTHING.

On motion, W. S. Farthing was continued as Colporter, and it was made his duty to see the former Colporter and collect the funds due this object.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minute Fund	$35 65
Foreign Missions	24 35
Home Missions	9 36
State Missions	12 00
Baptist Orphanage	16 70
Total	$98 06

J. J. MAST, Chairman.

The above report adopted.

Smith Hagaman offered the following

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, The Association is dependent on the action of the Churches in all questions of vital importance,

Resolved 1. That the Churches of this Association be more prompt in the consideration and report of all questions submitted to them for action.

Resolved 2. That this Association tender its most sincere thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends for the hospitality and entertainment given this body during this session.

SMITH HAGAMAN,
LEWIS W. FARTHING,
Committee.

On motion of C. S. Farthing, it was agreed that the next Association of this body be held with Gap Creek Church, to convene on Tuesday after fourth Sunday in August, 1894. Rev. C, S. Farthing to preach the Introductory Sermon, and L. A. Wilson to be his alternate.

On motion, agreed to pay the Clerk $7.50 for his services, and that he superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes.

A motion was made to adjourn until time and place above mentioned.

Closing exercises conducted by Elder J. J. L. Sherwood, with N. W. G. Baxter, of Tennessee, leading in prayer.

W. S. FARTHING, Moderator.

JACOB YOUNCE, Clerk.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

ANTIOCH—J. M. Walker, L. W. Farthing, E. M. Greer.
BETHEL—W. H. Farthing, J. L. Gryder, W. S. Farthing.
BEAVER DAM—Jasper Wilson, G. P. Sherrill, W. J. Hagaman.
BEECH MOUNTAIN—G. W. McGuire, Sr., W. M. Cannon, L. W. McGuire.
BETHANY—John Walker, M. J. Benfield, W. J. Farthing.
BIG LAUREL—John Eggers.
BOONE—W. C. Coffey, J. F. Spainhour.
BRUSHY FORK—W. T. Hayes, J. L. Hayes, L. M. Trivett.
COVE CREEK—T. P. Adams, J. J. Mast, John H. Mast.
COOL SPRING—T. M. Cannon.
ELK KNOB—Letter, but no delegate.
ELK VALLEY—A. E. Norman, R. F. Brotherton.
FALL CREEK—J. R. Gryder, J. E. Perher, W. B. Norris.
FLAT TOP—Andrew Carnish, William Elrod.
FOREST GROVE—Smith Hagaman, E. R. Eggers.
GAP CREEK—Letter, but no delegate.
HOWARD'S CREEK—E. J. Norris, R. J. Minton.
LAUREL SPRING—W. R. Moore.
LITTLE ZION (Col.)—G. W. Whittington, J. W. Moore, John Farthing.
MEAT CAMP—William Green.
MT. CALVARY—J. C. Chapple, Robert Shoemaker.
MT. GILEAD—E. S. Dugger, J. P. Wilkinson, J. W. Meadows.
MT. LEBANON—R. E. Kellion, G. W. McGinnis.
PLEASANT GROVE—Zack Adams, Alexander Hagaman, Roby Green.
SOUTH FORK—John Tatum, J. S. Stanbery.
SHULL'S MILLS—John Danner.
THREE FORKS—J. H. Brown, Joseph Brown, C. J. Cotrell.
ZIONVILLE—A. Roton, George Roton.
ZION HILL—J. A. Harman, E. F. Harman, D. W. Hagaman.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Clerks and Post-offices.	Ordained Ministers.	Added.			Dismissed			Membership.			Licentiates.	Time of meeting Saturday and Sunday before.
				Baptism.	Letter.	Restored.	Letter.	Excluded.	Deaths.	Males.	Females.	Total.		
Antioch	J. H. Farthing	W. D. Farthing, Watauga Falls	....	5	2	..	4	2	1	47	76	123	..	First
Bethel	A. C. Farthing	W. S. Farthing, Hattie	4	2	6	..	2	1	2	57	83	140	..	Fourth
Beaver Dam	David Green	W. F. Reece, Reece	1	3	2	2	8	2	..	43	66	109	..	Second
Beech Mountain	R. L. Palmer	L. W. McGuire, Dark Ridge	1	4	1	6	4	3	1	45	64	109	2	First
*Big Laurel	Neal Campbell	Hugh Hagaman, Thaxton	....	....	..	..	....	....	....	8	8	16	..	Fourth
Boone	....	W. L. Bryan, Boone	....	..	1	..	....	....	1	4	9	13	..	Second
Bethany	A. J. Harman	W. J. Farthing, Watauga Falls	....	....	8	..	....	....	....	3	5	8	..	Third
Brushy Fork	Munroe Gragg	J. H. Presnell, Vilas	2	8	4	4	8	....	..	47	84	131	..	First
Cove Creek	J. J. L. Sherwood	J. J. Mast, Vilas	2	3	2	4	9	4	1	61	80	141	..	Third
Cool Spring	C. S. Farthing	T. L. C. Hartley, Deck Hill	2	7	2	2	3	....	....	35	33	68	..	Second
Elk Knob	L. A. Wilson	J. M. South, Sutherland	1	6	2	..	....	5	....	18	29	47	2	Third
Elk Valley	R. L. Palmer	A. M. Johnson, Hale	....	15	2	..	....	....	....	27	41	68	..	Third
Fall Creek	A. J. Harman	W. B. Norris, Hale	....	....	3	..	1	....	....	11	18	29	..	Second
Flat Top	David Green	J. A. Edmiston, Blowing Rock	....	....	..	..	3	2	....	7	43	50	..	First
Forest Grove	J. H. Farthing	Smith Hagaman, Sweet Water	1	2	3	2	....	1	....	22	42	64	..	Third
Gap Creek	Asa Brown	J. B. Hopkins, Gap Creek	....	....	2	..	3	....	1	22	36	58	..	Third
Howard's Creek	J. H. Farthing	E. J. Norris, Sands	1	4	7	..	1	2	..	25	44	69	..	Second
Laurel Spring	S. F. Carroll	J. J. Brown, Virgil	....	33	16	1	....	....	....	49	68	117	..	Fourth
Little Zion (col.)	C. S. Farthing	J. W. Moore, Sweet Water	1	4	1	..	....	....	....	9	13	22	..	First
Meat Camp	David Green	L. A. Green, Norris	2	4	..	1	..	3	..	....	....	119	..	First
Mt. Calvary	C. S. Farthing	B. F. Patterson, Banner's Elk	1	1	4	..	16	1	2	10	15	25	..	Fourth
Mt. Gilead	J. F. Eller	Roby Storie, Beech Creek	3	10	7	4	..	1	....	46	71	117	..	Third
Mt. Lebanon	Edmond Green	J. D. Bryan, Valle Cruces	....	6	..	..	3	2	....	17	24	41	.	First
Pleasant Grove	David Green	Robert Perry, Silverstone	....	16	2	1	....	4	1	45	41	86	..	Fourth
South Fork	....	J. S. Stanberry, Elk Cross Roads	1	....	2	..	5	1	1	42	65	107	..	Fourth
*Shull's Mills	E. D. Crisp	J. D. Brown, Kelsey	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	10	16	26	..	Fourth
Three Forks	J. J. L. Sherwood	J. C. Brown, Sands	....	2	9	1	9	3	1	70	100	170	..	First
Zionville	C. S. Farthing	A. Roton, Zionville	1	....	..	..	6	7	....	57	76	133	..	Fourth
Zion Hill	R. L. Palmer	D. W. Hagaman, Harman	1	10	1	6	11	6	....	38	46	84	2	Second
			25	145	89	32	96	50	12	875	1296	2291	6	

*Last year.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Baptist Orph'nge	Incid'ntl Exp'nses	Poor.	Centen'l Fund.	Building & Rep'rs.	Pastor's Salary.	Other Objects.	Grand Total.
Antioch	$ 1 20	$	$ 1 00	$	$	$ 8 34	$	$	$	$ 30 00	$ 1 44	$ 42 28
Bethel	2 25	5 00	5 00	5 00	7 00	7 00				30 00	7 00	68 25
Beaver Dam	2 00	2 60	5 75	5 81	4 44	2 50				75 00	2 59	100 69
Beech Mountain	1 25				1 00		1 32		23 25	14 50		42 82
Bethany	25											25
Boone	1 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00			1 68				22 68
Brushy Fork	1 85		1 50		1 60							4 95
Cove Creek	1 50											1 50
Cool Spring	1 25				1 00				26 25	25 00		52 25
Elk Knob	45				1 00				20 45	10 75		31 04
Elk Valley	1 50											1 50
Fall Creek	1 00		1 00							12 00	90	14 90
Flat Top	1 25		1 00	46	2 00							50 96
Forest Grove	90				2 72							3 62
Gap Creek	1 05				1 00							2 05
Howard's Creek	1 50				1 00					25 00		27 50
Laurel Spring	2 00				1 85					25 00		28 85
Little Zion (col.)	50					50				25 00		26 00
Meat Camp	1 75				1 00							2 75
Mt. Calvary	75					4 00				20 00		24 75
Mt. Gilead	1 50		2 85		2 00	40				20 64		27 40
Mt. Lebanon	1 30				10	2 75				18 35	10	22 50
Pleasant Grove	1 00									26 50		27 50
South Fork	1 50		1 00							15 00		17 50
Three Forks	2 50		10 00	3 90	10 00	5 00		2 90		100 00		134 30
Zionville	1 50	3 00	5 00		5 00					100 00		116 50
Zion Hill	1 15											1 15
	$35 65	$15 60	$39 10	$20 17	$47 71	$30 49	$ 1 32	$ 4 58	$ 69 25	$562 74	$12 03	$ 995 44

SUNDAY-SCHOOL TABLE.

Churches.	Superintendents and Post-offices.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. Scholars.	Total.	Sunday-school Expenses.	Number of Quarterlies.	No. Volumes in Library.	Contributions.
Antioch	H. G. Glenn, Watauga Falls	6	25	31	$ 1 56	23	.....	$.....
Bethel	J. L. Gryder and W. S. Farthing, Hattie	15	99	114	15 07	101	14	1 13
Beaver Dam	W. J. Hagaman, Reese	7	65	72	10 00	90	42	.....
Beech Mountain	W. M. Cannon, Dark Ridge	6	76	82	1 50	15	.....	.....
Bethany	W. J. Farthing, Watauga Falls	5	50	55	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brushy Fork	W. W. Presnell, Vilas	6	88	94	6 04	160	.....	80
Cove Creek	Enoch Swift, Amantha	9	45	54	10 00	.....	.....	.....
Cool Spring	A. P. Bolick, Blowing Rock	4	50	54	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Elk Knob	J. S. Jackson, Tracy	4	30	34	1 65	30	.....	.....
Elk Valley	S. L. Marshall, Hale	4	52	55	1 75	40	.....	.....
Fall Creek	Jacob Younce, Dark Ridge	5	48	53	1 70	35	.....	.....
Forest Grove	Hugh Hagaman, Sweet Water	6	50	54	2 40	24	.....	.....
Howard's Creek	E. J. Norris, Sands	5	39	44	.....	.....	.....	.....
Laurel Spring	W. R. Moore, Virgil	6	92	98	2 00	66	.....	.....
Little Zion	G. W. Whittington, Sweet Water	6	38	44	2 44	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Calvary	I. J. McGinnis, Banner's Elk	6	25	31	2 25	40	.....	.....
Mt. Gilead	Solomon Younce, Beech Creek	9	64	73	4 67	46	.....	.....
Mt. Lebanon	G. W. Cornell, Valle Cruces	7	39	46	1 80	160	.....	.....
South Fork	Newton Howell, Elk Cross Roads	3	40	43	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zionville	A. Roton, Zionville	6	80	86	8 00	75	.....	.....
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W. S. FARTHING, Colporter.....Hattie, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

ASA BROWN.....Riverside, N. C.
NEAL CAMPBELL.....Grayson, N. C.
S. T. CARROLL.....Stony Fork, N. C.
JOHN CRISP.....Norris, N. C.
J. F. DAVIS.....Vilas, N. C.
A. C. FARTHING.....Hattie, N. C.
J. H. FARTHING.....Hattie, N. C.
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J. G. HAGAMAN.....Butler, Tenn.
D. C. HARMAN.....Sugar Grove, N. C.
A. J. HARMAN.....Harman, N. C.
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J. C. JOHNSON.....Reese, N. C.
W. F. KNIGHT.....Blowing Rock, N. C.
I. J. MCGINNIS.....Banners Elk, N. C.
JOHN NORRIS.....Sweet Water, N. C.
R. L. PALMER.....Leander, N. C.
J. M. PAYNE.....Deck Hill, N. C.
JONATHAN PHILLIPS.....Beech Creek, N. C.
J. J. L. SHERWOOD.....Vilas, N. C.
W. J. POTTER.....Dark Ridge, N. C.
J. W. TRIVETT.....Dark Ridge, N. C.
L. A. WILSON.....Sutherland, N. C.
WILLIAM WILCOXON.....Todd, N. C.
JACOB YOUNCE.....Dark Ridge, N. C.
R. F. SHERRER (colored.).....Sweet Water, N. C.

LICENTIATE MINISTERS.

W. M. CANNON.....Dark Ridge, N. C.
WISEMAN GREEN.....Vilas, N. C.
JACOB GREEN.....Sugar Grove, N. C.
E. F. HARMAN.....Harman, N. C.
E. G. HARMAN.....Harman, N. C.
J. S. JACKSON.....Sutherland, N. C.
W. H. MIKELS.....Sutherland, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

GAP CREEK CHURCH, August 28, 1894.

The Three Forks Baptist Association met in its Fifty-fourth Session this day with Gap Creek Church at 11 o'clock A. M.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. C. Durham. Text, Romans viii: 18. After the sermon, adjourned till 1:15 P. M.

Reassembled at the time appointed and sang,

"Jesus lover of my soul,
Let me to thy bosom fly."

The Moderator being absent, the Association was called to order by the Clerk, with Elder David Green leading in prayer.

The letters from the different Churches were called for and received.

J. J. T. Reese and L. C. Wilson were appointed Reading Clerks, by whom the letters were read.

The terms of the officers having expired, the Association proceeded to ballot for Moderator and Clerk, with C. Durham and J. C. Caddell acting as Tellers.

The ballot resulted in the election of Hon. J. F. Spainhour Moderator, and Jacob Younce Clerk.

The Association was then declared ready for further business.

A motion prevailed to invite newly constituted Churches, under which the petitions of Pleasant Valley, N. C., and Pleasant Valley, Tenn., were read, the former Church received into the Association, and the latter referred to the Committee of Arrangements, and the delegates from them seated.

The Moderator then gave an invitation to Correspondents and Visiting Messengers.

The following Visiting and Corresponding Messengers recognized:

J. C Caddell, representing *Biblical Recorder*.

C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary Baptist State Convention.

W. R. Gwaltney, representing the Educational Board Wake Forest College.

B. F. Sledd, representing Wake Forest College.

B. S. Petterson, representing the *North Carolina Baptist*.

From Stony Fork Association (Correspondents), J. F. Eller, William Lee, U. C. Miller, C. Tucker.

From Ashe and Alleghany, T. M. Dunkin.

The Moderator then announced the usual committees.

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.—J. J. T. Reese, L. C. Wilson, J. J. L. Sherwood.
TEMPERANCE.—C. S. Farthing, Smith Hagaman.
PASTORAL SUPPORT.—D. C. Harman, A. C. Farthing.
EDUCATION.—David Green, B. F. Sledd.
PERIODICALS.—W. W. Presnell. J. C. Caddell.
FOREIGN MISSIONS.—J. J. L. Sherwood, T. P. Adams.
STATE MISSIONS.—Solomon Younce, C. Durham.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—J. C. Horton, A. Roten.
HOME MISSIONS.—J. B Hopkins, W. R. Gwaltney.
ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.—J. H. Farthing, L. C. Wilson, J. J. T. Reese.
CORRESPONDENCE.—Alexander Hagaman, J. H. Mast.
DIGEST OF LETTERS.—J. F. Davis. George Roten.
RESOLUTIONS.—L. W. Farthing, G. P. Sherrill.
FINANCE.—T. P. Adams, J. J. T. Reese.
RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.—Pastor and Delegates of Gap Creek Church.
ARRANGEMENTS.—C. J. Correll, C. S. Farthing and A. C. Farthing, with Moderator and Clerk.
OBITUARIES.—Smith Hagaman, W. H. Farthing.

A motion prevailed to let the basis of delegation stand as it is.

On motion, appointed delegates to the State and Southern Baptist Conventions:

To State Convention, J. F. Davis, J. J. L. Sherwood, W. C. Coffey, F. M. Holtsclaw, J. B. Hopkins and J. F. Spainhour.

To Southern Baptist Convention, L. C. Wilson, W. C. Coffey, alternate.

Committee on Religious Exercises report W. R. Gwaltney to preach at the stand at 11 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

A motion was carried to adjourn until 9 A. M. to-morrow and spend half an hour in devotional exercise; was then led in prayer by W. R. Gwaltney.

SECOND DAY.—Morning Session.

The Association reassembled at 9 A. M. Religious exercises was led by C. Durham. Called to order by the Moderator. Read and corrected minutes of yesterday.

Called on Committee of Arrangements to report. Report read and made favorable for the new Church (Pleasant Valley, Tenn.) On motion, the report received, and the committee discharged.

Called the roll and the absentees marked.

On motion, adopted the following

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

Your committee submit the following report, viz.: We learn through the reports made to the Association that our pastors are poorly supported. We, therefore, urge our Churches to a better support, feeling that while it is their duty to contribute of their means to other objects, their obligations to their pastors should first be met.

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. Harman,
A. C. Farthing.
Committee.

Called for report on Education. Report read and very ably discussed by C. Durham and others.

The following is the

REPORT ON GENERAL EDUCATION.

Whereas, The amount of money devoted to the public free schools gives a session of only about three months in each school district, and pays the teacher a monthly salary of only about twenty-two dollars; and

Whereas, The taxes of the people drawn from the State Treasury in 1893 and 1894 amounted to $148,000 devoted to higher education; therefore,

Resolved 1, That the Legislature soon to be elected by the people ought to provide for a session of four months in each school district in each county of the State.

Resolved 2, That the taxes of the people ought NOT to be appropriated by the Legislature to higher education.

Resolved 3, That, in our opinion, the appropriation of the taxes of the people to higher education hinders rather than helps the educational interests of North Carolina.

We, your Committee on Education, beg to make the following report:

Wake Forest College.—This institution represents what Baptists of North Carolina have done for higher education, and we would urge upon our people of the Three Forks Association a more active interest in the

work of the college. and a more devoted loyalty to the principles of Baptist faith upon which the college is founded. There were one hundred and ninety-seven students present during the past session. Of these some forty were ministers of the Gospel, thirty-five of whom were supported by the Board of Ministerial Education. Some twenty-nine young men were graduated in June.

We would further urge that more hearty support be given to our academies. These academies should. as far as possible be under the direct control of the Associations, and should prepare young men for Wake Forest College especially.

Female Education.—We commend most heartily to our people the Baptist Female University, now founding in Raleigh, N. C. This institution will be to our young women what Wake Forest College has been to our young men.

DAVID GREENE,
BENJAMIN F. SLEDD,
Committee.

Above report adopted.

Time having now passed for the 11 o'clock sermon by W. R. Gwaltney, the same was deferred till 2 P. M. at the stand.

A motion prevailed to adjourn until 1 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

At the appointed time the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

At this juncture the Moderator extended an invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren.

Lidsey Triplett was recognized as a Correspondent from the Brushy Mountain Association.

E F. Jones, visitor from South Fork Assocaition.

I. S. Watson, from Stony Fork.

W. W. Presnell submitted the

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

At no time in our history as a denomination has the necessity for our people to be informed on all departments of our work been as great as at present. And saying that much of this needed information must come through the religious press, we recommend that our people take and read as much literature as possible. We especially urge that all of our people who can do so take the *Biblical Recorder*, the organ of the Baptist State Convention, and which for the last sixty years has been the exponent of Baptist principles and Baptist progress in North Carolina. We also recommend the *North Carolina Baptist*, *Charity and Children*, the *Home Field*, the *Foreign Mission Journal*, the *Watchman*, published by R. L. Patton; Literature published by the Southern Baptist at Nashville, Tenn., as worthy the patronage of our people.

W. W. PRESNELL,
J. C. CADDELL,
Committee.

Above report adopted.

Smith Hagaman read the

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

While it is gratifying to us to know that the cause of Temperance has steadily advanced in the bounds of this Association. and while the establishments for the making and vending of intoxicating liquors have

greatly decreased in number, yet we are not by any means rid of the evil. We believe that a total abstinence from the use of intoxicating drinks is the only safe attitude towards intemperance. We would, therefore, ask that each member of this Association feel an individual responsibility in the suppression of this evil—by our own example as well as precept, also by seeing that the laws are enforced against this traffic. We would further invoke the enactment of just and sufficient laws to aid in the entire abolition of the liquor traffic from our beloved land.

C. S. FARTHING,
SMITH HAGAMAN,
Committee.

Above report adopted.

Called for report on State Missions. Same read by C. Durham, who also addressed the Association on the report.

The following is the

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions has been defined by the Convention to include all practical efforts to give the Gospel to the destitute places in the State. Our fathers wisely determined to give the Gospel to all our people. We are now building on this foundation. This year there are eighty-seven missionaries under appointment of the Board preaching at more than three hundred destitute places. Among these are some of the most successful and consecrated preachers in the State. They have been greatly prospered by the Lord in this work this year. If the Board had the means and could send the men six hundred destitute places could be given the Gospel next year. This is foundation work. It aids all other departments. From it comes largely our pastors and our missionaries. We recommend that all of our Churches undertake to do more for State Missions than ever before in their history. Our Lord's command to give the Gospel to every creature should certainly stimulate and guide us in giving the Gospel to the people of our State.

Respectfully,

SOLOMON YOUNCE,
C. DURHAM,
Committee.

J. B. Hopkins offered the report on Home Missions, when C. Durham made a most excellent speech on the same.

The following is the

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located in Atlanta, Ga., is doing a large and successful work in many special departments.

1. The work among the Indians. There are now about one hundred Indian Baptist preachers, fourteen Associations and about 15,000 members.

2. Foreign population. In many of the States the foreign population is large, and the work is important and successful.

3. Negroes. The work among the Negroes is being successfully done in the States further south.

4. The native white people in Texas and the States west should have the Gospel as rapidly as the country is filled up by them.

5. In Cuba the work has been greatly prospered. There are now more than 2,000 Baptist believers on the island of Cuba, and the prospects were never more hopeful. What the State Mission work is to North Carolina, the Home Mission work is to all the destitute sections of the South.

Resolved, That each pastor and Church in this Association be urged to inform themselves about the history and the needs of this work, and to take at least one collection during this year for it.

6. The Board publishes the *Home Field*, a monthly mission journal, for twenty-five cents per year. We urge our people to take this paper.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. HOPKINS,
W. R. GWALTNEY,
Committee.

Collection at the stand for the blind man Smith Carroll, $2.44.

Committee on Religious Exercises report that E. F. Jones will preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M. at the stand.

The Association adjourned with prayer by E. F. Jones.

THIRD DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

The Association assembled at 9 A. M. L. C. Wilson read the Forty-sixth Psalm, then led the religious exercises. Then called to order by the Moderator. Read and approved minutes of yesterday.

The Moderator extended an invitation to corresponding brethren.

W. E. Green was recognized from the Stony Fork Association.

J. R. Hodges from Blue Ridge Association.

J. C. Horton then offered his report on Sunday Schools.

The following is the

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee, upon examination of the Church letters, find that of the thirty-one Churches embraced in the Three Forks Association twenty-two report working Sunday Schools, leaving eight having no schools. The number of officers and teachers in these schools is 152; number of scholars, 1,261, making a total of 1,413 officers, teachers and scholars reported from all the Churches enrolled in the Association. These scholars are taking 1,005 Quarterlies and papers per quarter, which cost the schools $80.05. These figures, we are pleased to note, show an increase of over sixteen per cent. over same report for last year, which should greatly encourage our Sunday School workers. But the same statistics show also that the membership of the Churches are not taking the interest in Sunday Schools that should be taken, from the fact that the total enrollment of the schools is less than sixty per cent. of the total church membership of the Association. Hence we see plainly that our schools are not near what they might be made if we would all take an active part in building them up. So we appeal to our people to rouse ourselves and give more attention and energy to the Sunday School work than ever before. And urge every minister of the Gospel and lay member of this Association to use his influence to make the Sunday School what it should be, the Church at work, by regular attendance and participation in the work, and active efforts to bring every soul possible within its influence.

A. ROTEN,
J. C. HORTON,
Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

To Ashe and Alleghany Association: J. J. L. Sherwood, T. P. Adams, J. H. Farthing.

To Brushy Mountain Association: J. F. Spainhour, J. F. Davis, L. C. Wilson.

To New River Association: John Norris, W. S. Farthing, L. A. Wilson.
To Caldwell County Association: W. C. Coffey, John Crisp, J. F. Spainhour.
To Stony Fork Association: David Greene, John Norris, D. C. Harman.
To Watauga Association: C. S. Farthing, J. J. L. Sherwood, J. H. Farthing.
To Mitchell County Association: Jacob Younce, A. C. Farthing, R. L. Palmer.

On motion of J. H. Farthing, agreed that the next session of this body be held with Cove Creek Church, to begin on Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August, 1895, and that L. A. Wilson preach the Introductory Sermon, and J. H. Farthing be his alternate.
Notice the request from Zion Hill Church.
The following is the answer:
"We do not think that the Association can be incorporated by law, but we advise all the Churches composing this Association to petition the next Legislature of North Carolina to incorporate the Churches by law."
J. J. L. Sherwood, from the committee, offered the report on Foreign Missions, then addressed the Association in its behalf, followed by E. F. Jones and others.
The following is the

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

That we as an Association believe in the Foreign Mission work. But the Scriptures teach that faith is dead being alone, or without works. "Shew me your faith without works, and I will shew you my faith by my works." To say that we believe in Foreign Missions, and then do nothing for the work, is to say one thing and do another. If we love Jesus or love His Word, He says, "Go preach the Gospel to every creature." This is His last command. Can any one who feels that Jesus has saved him do less than He commands. Pray over this. We have twelve in the foreign field who are not backed by any board, who having faith in God's promise and in the Churches have gone forth to do the work for the Churches. Let us pray for them, and support them while they are doing the Lord's work.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES J. L. SHERWOOD,
T. P. ADAMS,
Committee.

On motion, the above report adopted.
Then taken up pledges as follows:

Antioch	$ 5 00	Meat Camp	$ 5 00
Bethel	5 00	Mount Calvary	2 00
Beaver Dam	10 00	Mount Gilead	3 00
Boone	5 00	South Fork	2 00
Brushy Fork	10 00	Three Forks	10 00
Cove Creek	10 00	Zionville	10 00
Cool Spring	2 00	J. B. Hopkins	2 00
Elk Valley	2 00	L. P. Watson	2 00
Fall Creek	2 00	Alex. Hagaman	2 00
Flat Top	10 00	D. W. Hagaman	2 00
Forest Grove	2 00	E. H. Daughert	2 00
Howard's Creek	2 00	Charles Walker	50
Laurel Spring	2 00		

A motion prevailed to have the Articles of Faith printed in the Minutes.
A motion was carried to have a historical statistical sketch printed in the Minutes.

L. C. Wilson submitted the report on the Baptist Orphanage, then spoke on the subject.

The following is the

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

We all know by this time something about the Orphanage and its work. Jesus said, "the poor ye have always with you." Yes. brethren the Lord has put these objects before His people to try their faith in His Word. He wants living witnesses before the world, and we rejoice to say that the Baptists of the State are supporting the Orphanage as well, or better, than any of the departments of our work. We would recommend that every Church of this Association take a liberal collection once a year, at least, especially for this object

J. J. T. REESE,
J. J. L. SHERWOOD,
L. C. WILSON,
Committee.

On motion, appointed standing committees for next Association as follows:

EDUCATION.—J. C. Horton.
FOREIGN MISSIONS.—J. H. Farthing.
STATE MISSIONS.—J. B. Hopkins.
TEMPERANCE.—D. C. Harman.
PASTORAL SUPPORT.—J. J. T. Reese.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—A. Roten.
HOME MISSIONS.—J. J. L. Sherwood.
ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.—W. S. Farthing.
PERIODICALS.—William Elrod.
OBITUARIES.—David Greene.
ORPHANAGE.—T. P. Adams.

Called on brethren appointed last year to visit sister Associations to report. Reports made.

On motion, agreed to receive the same as satisfactory.

Committee on Devotional Exercises announce that J. J. L. Sherwood will preach at the stand in the afternoon.

On motion, adjourned one hour.

At 1 P. M. the Moderator called the Association to order.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minute Fund	$35 91
Foreign Missions	20 10
Orphanage	7 25
State Missions	35
Total	$63 61

All of which has been turned over to the Treasurer.

T. P. ADAMS,
Chairman.

REPORT ON DIGEST OF LETTERS.

Received by baptism, 180; by letter, 126; restored, 30; dismissed by letter, 123; excluded, 51; deaths, 10. Membership: males, 965; females, 1,413; total, 2,378.

The letters show contributions:

Foreign Missions	$ 99 58
Home Missions	2 55
State Missions	10 35
Baptist Orphanage	36 20
Poor	45 90
Minute Fund	35 91
Repairs	872 10
Other Objects	28 50
Incidental Expenses	146 95
Sunday Schools	77 97
Total Amount paid Pastors	645 58
Total of all amounts	$2,003.49

The letters show an increase of 87 in membership, and a difference of $1,008.04 in money paid for all objects.

J. F. DAVIS,
GEORGE ROTEN,
Committee.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Brethren, after all the efforts put forth by our Baptist Churches to give the Gospel to all our people in our bounds, there are some places destitute of the Gospel, as we believe it. Therefore we urge our ministers to look after these places. Also, we beg the Churches to help them preach the Gospel at these places during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. FARTHING,
J. J. T. REESE,
L. C. WILSON,
Committee.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That this Association tender its most sincere thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of this community for their hospitality and entertainment given this Association during this session.

L. W. FARTHING,
G. P. SHERRILL,
Committee.

The Colporter, not being able to make his report, sends a verbal report as selling some books through the year.

On motion, continued W. S. Farthing as Colporter the next year.

On motion, agreed to pay the Clerk $7.50 for his services, and that he superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes.

A motion to adjourn until time and place above mentioned. Prayer was offered by E. F. Jones.

J. F. SPAINHOUR, Moderator.

JACOB YOUNCE, Clerk.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

ANTIOCH—L. W. Farthing, E. M. Greer, Henry Glenn.
BETHEL—Lewis W. Farthing, L. C. Wilson, W. H. Farthing.
BEAVER DAM—G. P. Sherrill, J. J. T. Reese.
BEECH MOUNTAIN—W. M. Cannon, W. E. Trivett.
BIG LAUREL—Letter, but no delegate.
BOONE—W. C. Coffey, J. F. Spainhour.
BETHANY—Letter, but no delegate.
BRUSHY FORK—J. P. Hagaman, A. M. Trivett, W. W. Presnell.
COVE CREEK—F. M. Holtsclaw, T. P. Adams, J. J. Glenn.
COOL SPRING—T. L. C. Hartley, J. M. Hartley.
ELK KNOB—J. M. South, H. C. South.
ELK VALLEY—J. C. Bailiff.
FALL CREEK—G. W. Brown, J. H. Evans, W. B. Norris.
FLAT TOP—William Elrod, I. N. Corpening.
FOREST GROVE—Smith Hagaman, E. Gragg, J. M. Johnson.
GAP CREEK—J. B. Hopkins, L. P. Watson, J. W. Church.
HOWARD'S CREEK—E. J. Norris, J. W. McGhee.
LAUREL SPRING—R. W. Walker, W. R. Moore, L. B. McNeal.
LITTLE ZION (Col.)—Letter, but no delegate.
MEAT CAMP—L. A. Greene, Manley Greene, R. G. Ragan.
MOUNT CALVARY—R. T. Shomaker.
MOUNT GILEAD—G. W. Younce, J. W. Meadows.
PLEASANT GROVE—Zac. Adams, Alexander Hagaman, J. H. Mast.
PLEASANT VALLEY, N. C.—W. M. Hampton, David Hix, R. D. Gwynn.
PLEASANT VALLEY, TENN.—James Wheatly, Thomas Stout.
SOUTH FORK—John L. Tatum, W. H. McGuire.
SHULL'S MILLS—Harley Brown, J. D. Brown, J. C. Shull.
THREE FORKS—J. H. Brown, C. J. Cotrell, J. C. Horton.
ZIONVILLE—Solomon Younce, A. Roten, George Roten.
ZION HILL—D. W. Hagaman, Elbert Stines.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one only true and living God—Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of Election by Grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin, and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will and ability.

5. We believe sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

6. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and all who are thus regenerated are born again by the Holy Spirit of God shall never fall finally away.

7. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the subjects of these ordinances, and that no action is baptism but immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the torments of the wicked will both be eternal.

We believe that no minister has a right to administer these ordinances except such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

DATE.	PLACE OF MEETING.	MODERATORS.	SECRETARIES.	INTRODUCTORY PREACHERS.
1841	Three Forks	Isaiah Wilcoxon	Richard Gentry	
1842	Beaver Creek	Isaiah Wilcoxon	Richard Gentry	B. McBride.
1843	Roan's Creek	B. McBride	Richard Gentry	Richard Gentry.
1844	South Fork	B. McBride	Richard Gentry	B. McBride.
1845	Three Forks of the North Fork	B. McBride	Richard Gentry	R. P. Farthing.
1846	Bear Creek	B. McBride	Richard Gentry	Richard Gentry.
1847	Ebenezer	B. McBride	John Cook	Joseph Harrison.
1848	Three Forks, S. F	B. McBride	Richard Gentry	B. McBride.
1849	North Fork	B. McBride	Richard Gentry	Richard Gentry.
1850	Gap Creek	B. McBride	Richard Gentry	B. McBride.
1851	Pine Grove	B. McBride	John Cook	Joseph Harrison.
1852	Cove Creek	B. McBride	John Cook	L. Hodges.
1853	Horse Creek	B. McBride	John Cook	J. A. Farthing.
1854	Old Fields	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	Jesse Farmer.
1855	Roan's Creek	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	A. C. Farthing.
1856	Antioch	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	L. Hodges.
1857	Meat Camp	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	J. A. Farthing.
1858	South Fork	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	John Cook.
1859	Three Forks, N. F	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	Joseph Harrison.
1860	Bethel	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	Wm. Wilcoxon.
1861	Three Forks, S. F	J. A. Farthing	Rufus Moore	D. C. Harman.
1862	Gap Creek	J. A. Farthing	Rufus Moore	A. C. Farthing.
1863	Ebenezer	J. A. Farthing	Rufus Moore	J. A. Farthing.
1864	Cove Creek	J. A. Farthing	Hiram McBride	R. P. Farthing.
1865	Mulberry	J. A. Farthing	Hiram McBride	S. J. Farthing.
1866	Meat Camp	J. A. Farthing	Hiram McBride	A. C. Farthing.
1867	Brushy Fork	J. A. Farthing	Hiram McBride	D. C. Harman.
1868	Globe	J. A. Farthing	Hiram McBride	L. L. Maples.

HISTORICAL STATISTICAL SKETCH.—CONTINUED.

DATE.	PLACE OF MEETING.	MODERATORS.	SECRETARIES.	INTRODUCTORY PREACHERS.
1869	Bethel	J. A. Farthing	D. C. Harman	Job Moore.
1870	Three Forks	J. A. Farthing	D. C. Harman	D. C. Harman.
1871	Head of Yadkin	J. A. Farthing	D. C. Harman	R. P. Farthing.
1872	Antioch	J. A. Farthing	D. C. Harman	R. H. Moody.
1873	Meat Camp	J. A. Farthing	D. C. Harman	T. F. Nelson.
1874	Mulberry	J. A. Farthing	D. C. Harman	A. C. Farthing.
1875	Mount Zion	D. C. Harman	L. L. Green	D. C. Harman.
1876	Mount Pleasant	D. C. Harman	L. L. Green	J. W. Hall.
1877	Globe	D. C. Harman	L. L. Green	J. A. Farthing.
1878	Cove Creek	A. C. Farthing	Hiram McBride	D. B. Brown.
1879	South Fork	A. C. Farthing	Hiram McBride	S. J. Farthing.
1880	Pisgah	A. C. Farthing	D. C. Harman	D. C. Harman.
1881	Brushy Fork	A. C. Farthing	D. C. Harman	E. F. Jones.
1882	Flat Top	A. C. Farthing	D. C. Harman	D. C. Harman.
1883	Mulberry	A. C. Farthing	D. C. Harman	A. C. Farthing.
1884	Bethel	A. C. Farthing	D. C. Harman	E. F. Jones,
1885	Three Forks	A. C. Farthing	D. C. Harman	J. J. L. Sherwood.
1886	Laurel Spring	A. C. Farthing	J. J. T. Reese	I. W. Thomas.
1887	Beaver Dam	A. C. Farthing	J. J. T. Reese	J. M. Harman.
1888	Boone	A. C. Farthing	J. J. T. Reese	J. H. Farthing.
1889	Zionville	A. C. Farthing	Jacob Younce	David Greene.
1890	Three Forks	A. C. Farthing	Jacob Younce	C. E. Taylor.
1891	Mount Gilead	A. C. Farthing	Jacob Younce	J. J. L. Sherwood.
1892	Meat Camp	W. S. Farthing	Jacob Younce	J. F. Davis.
1893	Antioch	W. S. Farthing	Jacob Younce	J. H. Farthing.
1894	Gap Creek	J. F. Spainhour	Jacob Younce	C. Durham.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST-OFFICES.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Sunday School Expenses.	Number of Quarterlies.	Contributions Baptist Orphanage.	Foreign Missions.
Antioch	L. W. Farthing, Watauga Falls	6	40	$ 1 60	29	$	$
Bethel	J. L. Grider and W. S. Farthing, Hattie	16	107	10 45	98	16 00	
Beaver Dam	W. J. Hagaman, Reese	7	50	5 10	75		
Beech Mountain	Jacob Younce, Dark Ridge	6	40	2 52	44		
Boone	W. C. Coffey, Boone		20				
Bethany	W. J. Farthing, Watauga Falls	4	30				
Brushy Fork	J. P. Hagaman, Vilas	6	35	5 00	75		
Cove Creek	Wiley Sherwood, Vilas	10	93	9 64	100		
Elk Valley	A. E. Norman, Hale	6	49	3 93	144		
Fall Creek	J. W. Trivett, Dark Ridge	6	50	1 60	30		
Flat Top	I. N. Corpening, Blowing Rock	3	20			1 50	13 00
Forest Grove	Hugh Hagaman, Sweet Water	5	50	1 75	20		
Howard's Creek	E. J. Norris, Sands	5	30	1 10	22		
Laurel Spring	Solomon Green, Virgil	9	101	1 45	45		
Little Zion (colored)	J. W. Moore, Sweet Water	8	85	80	15		
Meat Camp	L. A. Green, Norris	12	102	1 11			
Mount Calvary	J. C. Chapell, Banners Elk	6	41	2 00	39		
Mount Gilead	Solomon Younce, Beech Creek	9	76	5 92	51		
Pleasant Grove	Robert Perry, Silverstone	10	77	3 00	50		
Three Forks	W. M. Francum, Horton	8	50	2 00	60		
Zionville	A. Roten, Zionville	6	80	18 00	65		
Zion Hill	M. P. Edmison, Harman	4	35	5 00	80		
		152	1,261	$ 81 97	1,042	$ 17 50	$ 13 00

Churches.	Pastors.	Clerks and Post-offices.	Ordained Ministers.	Added.			Dismissed			Membership.			Licentiates.	Time of meeting Saturday and Sunday before.
				Baptism.	Letter.	Restored.	Letter.	Excluded.	Deaths.	Males.	Females.	Total.		
Antioch	J. H. Farthing	W. D. Farthing, Watauga Falls		14	2	2	2	3	1	55	80	135		First.
Bethel	A. C. Farthing	W. S. Farthing, Hattie	4	19	6		17		2	62	86	148		Fourth.
Beaver Creek	David Greene	W. F. Reese, Reese	1		2		6		2	42	61	103		Second.
Beech Mountain	R. L. Palmer	L. W. McGuire, Dark Ridge	2	16	3	2		8	1	45	75	120	1	First.
Bethany	A. J. Harman	W. J. Farthing, Watauga Falls		1	2					4	7	11		Fourth.
Big Laurel	Franklin Stanley	Hugh Hagaman, Grigsby	1				1	1		7	8	13		Fourth.
Boone		W. L. Bryan, Boone										13		
Brushy Fork	E. M. Gragg	J. H. Presnell, Vilas	2	1	3	3	3	1	1	46	67	113		First.
Cove Creek	J. J. L. Sherwood	J. J. Mast, Vilas	2	3	6	1	7		3	61	80	141		Third.
Cool Spring	J. F. Eller	T. L. C. Hartley, Deck Hill	2		4	1	5	1		31	36	67		Second.
Elk Knob	J. F. Dotson	J. M. South, Sutherland	1	7	1	2	3	10		17	26	43	2	Fourth.
Elk Valley	R. L. Palmer	A. M. Johnson, Hale		1	2	1	4	2		26	37	63		Fourth.
Fall Creek	J. W. Trivett	W. B. Norris, Hale	1	1	2					13	19	32		Second.
Flat Top	David Greene	J. A. Edmiston		15	10	3	1	1	1	13	61	74		Third.
Forest Grove	J. H. Farthing	Smith Hagaman, Sweet Water	1				3	1		21	38	59		Third.
Gap Creek	I. C. Miller	J. B. Hopkins, Gap Creek					1			22	35	57		Second.
Howard's Creek	J. H. Farthing	E. J. Norris, Sands			1	1	22	1	1	14	35	49		Fourth.
Laurel Spring	S. T. Carroll	J. J. Brown, Virgil	2	35	11		7		1	67	88	155		Fourth.
Little Zion (col.)	C. S. Farthing	J. W. Moore, Sweet Water	1	4	14					11	22	33		First.
Meat Camp	David Greene	L. A. Green, Norris	2	8	3	1	1		2	42	86	128		First.
Mount Gilead	J. F. Eller	J. W. Meadows, Norris, Tenn	1	5	4		9	6		45	54	99		Third.
Mount Calvary	E. M. Gragg	B. F. Patterson, Banners Elk	1	2	1	1	3			12	16	28		Third.
Mount Lebanon*	Edmond Green	J. D. Bryan, Valley Crucis								17	24	41		First.
Pleasant Grove	David Greene	Robert Perry, Silverstone		11	8			3	1	60	43	103		Fourth.
Pleas't Val'y, N.C.	W. J. Potter	D. C. Hicks, Elk Park		8	27					12	23	35		Fourth.
Pleas't Val'y, Tenn	L. A. Wilson	John F. Reese, Osborn, Tenn								5	19	24		Second.
South Fork	Wm. Wilcoxon	J. S. Stanbery, Todd, N. C	1		2	1	2	6	1	39	62	101		Second.
Shull's Mills	C. S. Farthing	J. D. Brown, Kelsey			2		5	2		9	8	17		Second.
Three Forks	J. J. L. Sherwood	J. C. Brown, Sands		19	5	3	8			79	113	192		Second.
Zionville	C. S. Farthing	A. Roten, Zionville		6	1	8	10	2	2	64	77	141		Fourth.
Zion Hill	R. L. Palmer	D. W. Hagaman	2	4	4		3	5		38	54	92	3	Second.
*Last year.			27	180	126	30	123	53	19	979	1,439	2,430	6	

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	State Missions.	Gospel Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Baptist Orph'nge	Incid'ntl Exp'nses	Poor.	Building & Rep'rs.	Paid Pastors.	Other Objects.	Grand Total.
Antioch	$ 1 50	$	$ 1 00	$	$	$	$ 6 00	$	$	$ 47 00	$	$ 55 50
Bethel	2 25	10 00		5 00	2 55	2 00	7 00			39 11	26 50	94 41
Beaver Dam	1 45		12 66			6 71		2 00			2 00	24 82
Beech Mountain	1 50		2 35				1 00	1 40	37 00	11 87		54 12
Bethany	50									6 00		6 50
Big Laurel	50											50
Boone	1 00			6 12		4 00						11 62
Brushy Fork	1 55			5 53		3 00	8 50	5 60				23 58
Cove Creek	1 50			4 90			96 00		1 00	100 00		203 20
Cool Spring	1 25									25 00		26 25
Elk Knob	50									11 00		11 50
Elk Valley	1 25					1 25				11 00		13 50
Fall Creek	1 10											1 10
Flat Top	1 25			13 00		3 15			4 00	50 00		71 40
Forest Grove	75		75					3 00		42 00		45 75
Gap Creek	1 00											1 00
Howard's Creek	1 25								30 00	25 00		57 35
Laurel Spring	1 90	35	45			1 00			300 00	25 00		330 50
Little Zion (col.)	86						45			25 00		27 09
Meat Camp	1 40		2 75					3 00		15 50		22 65
Mount Calvary	75		2 08									2 83
Mount Gilead	1 50		1 15				5 00			19 70		27 35
Pleasant Grove	1 50		3 51				500 00			18 00		521 51
Pleas't Val'y, N.C.	1 00											1 00
Pleas't Val'y, Tenn	50											50
South Fork	1 00											1 00
Shull's Mills	60									20 00		20 60
Three Forks	2 50			24 52		14 09	8 00	10 00		100 00	30 00	198 11
Zionville	1 05		8 81				15 00	20 00	5 00	60 00		109 86
Zion Hill	1 25									4 40		5 65
	$35 91	$10 35	$35 51	$59 07	$ 2 55	$35 20	$646 95	$44 40	$377 00	$655 58	$56 50	$1,980 72

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MINUTES

OF THE

THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

COVE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, WATAUGA COUNTY, N. C.,

AUGUST 27, 28 AND 29, 1895.

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

The next Session to be held with South Fork Church, eight miles East of Boone, to begin Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August, 1896. Rev. J. H. Farthing to preach the Introductory Sermon.

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PROCEEDINGS.

COVE CREEK CHURCH, August 27, 1895.

The Three Forks Baptist Association met this day in its Fifty-fifth Session with Cove Creek Church at 11 o'clock A. M. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. L. A. Wilson, the appointee. Text, John x, 14: "I am the good shepherd and know my sheep." After the sermon, adjourned one hour.

Reassembled at the time appointed. The Moderator being absent, the Association was called to order by the Clerk, with Elder E. F. Jones leading in prayer.

The letters from the different churches were called for and received.

Smith Hagaman and W. W. Presnell were appointed reading Clerks by whom the letters were read.

The terms of the officers having expired, the Association proceeded to ballot for Moderator and Clerk, with J. C. Caddell and John Mitchell acting as tellers.

The ballot resulted in the election of Hon. W. S Farthing Moderator, and Jacob Younce Clerk.

The Association was then declared ready for further business.

The Moderator then gave an invitation to Correspondents and Visiting Messengers.

The following Corresponding and Visiting Messengers were recognized:

John Mitchell, representing the Educational Board Wake Forest College.

J. C. Caddell, representing *Biblical Recorder*.

B. S. Peterson, representing the *North Carolina Baptist*.

I. C. Miller and James Roberson, Correspondents from Stoney Fork Association.

J. R. Pritchard and J. S. Hill, from Mitchell County Association.

J. B. Moore, M. S. Webb and L. L. Leary, visitors from the Atlantic Association.

W. H. Canter, Correspondent from Watauga Association.

H. C. Bryan, from Ashe and Alleghany Association.

Motion to appoint the committees.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

FINANCE.—C. J. Cotrell, Smith Hagaman.

RESOLUTIONS.—L. C. Wilson, Solomon Younce.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.—Pastor Sherwood and Delegates of Cove Creek Church.

ARRANGEMENTS.—C. J. Cotrell, E. F. Jones, L. A. Wilson, J. F. Eller.

DIGEST OF LETTERS.—W. W. Presnell, W. C. Coffey.

EDUCATION.—Smith Hagaman, John Mitchell.

STATE MISSIONS.—C. S. Farthing, J. J. T. Reese.

OBITUARIES.—John McBride, J. J. L. Sherwood.

CORRESDONDENTS.—J. M. Payne, A. Roten.

A motion to hear the reading of the report on Periodicals, same offered by Wiliiam Elrod. The following is the

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee most heartily recommend to all our churches the *Biblical Recorder*. This is the Baptist paper of this State and should be taken by every family connected with our churches. We recommend

also the *North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children, Home Field, Foreign Mission Journal, Our Gospel Mission Helper*, Literature published by the *Southern Baptist*, Nashville, Tenn., as worthy the patronage of our people. Our people should read more and read the best.

WILLIAM ELROD,
Committee.

Above report adopted.

Committee on Religious Exercises report C. S. Farthing to preach here in the church to-night. I. C. Miller at the Pleasant Grove Church. To-morrow at 11 o'clock at the stand in the grove, John Mitchell.

On motion, adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning; prayer by Solomon Younce.

Benediction by J. G. Pullum.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Met at 9 o'clock. Devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator.

Then called to order for business.

Read and corrected minutes of yesterday.

On motion, called the roll of Delegates and the absentees marked.

Called for report of Committee on Arrangements. Report read, then, on motion, received the same.

A motion to appoint a committee of T. P. Adams, D. C. Harman and W. C. Coffee, to consider the request from Three Forks Church in regard to change of basis of representation.

Called for report on Baptist Orphanage.

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage is situated at Thomasville, N. C., and during the ten years of its existence has continuously grown in the hearts and affections of our people. There are now present 130 children, wholly dependent for their food and clothing upon the charity of our churches and Sunday-schools. Your committee would urge that at least one collection be taken in all of our churches during the coming year for this object. We hope to see *Charity and Children* enlarged and improved, so as to become a great feature in the subject of the Orphanage. Let all of our churches that have not sent anything to the Orphanage during the year do so at once. Besides giving of money, provisions and clothing may be sent free of charge when directed to the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville.

T. P. ADAMS, *Chairman.*

Called for report on Education. Same read and very ably discussed by John Mitchell and E. F. Jones. The following is the

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

1. The education of ministers. The first object of the Baptist State Convention, as stated in its Constitution, is the education of young Baptist preachers. There is not now, and there has not been for sixty years, any more worthy object before the Associations which co-operate with the Convention; and there has never been a time when sympathy and contributions has been more needed than now. The men aided by the Board of Education and the work done by these men are an unanswerable argument for the value of the system and the wisdom of the methods of the Board. Very many young ministers licensed by their churches,

commended by their neighbors and unable to secure an education without aid, are now asking the Board for help. Thirty-six were aided last session. This aid can be given only through the gifts of the members of the churches. Shall their gifts be withheld, and these young Baptist preachers be denied the chance of attending school? Brethren, for Jesus' sake, let us help these poor young preachers, struggling to prepare themselves for the great work to which the Lord has called them.

2. Wake Forest College. Every Baptist in the State has a property sight in this institution. The Trustees are seeking to administer its affairs with wisdom and economy; they appeal to every Baptist in the State to co-operate with them in helping in every possible way to adapt the College to the needs of our own people. The completion of the endowment of the Royal Chair, especially, is commended to the beneficence of the members of the churches.

3. Colleges for women. It is hoped that by September, 1896, the new college in Raleigh will be opened. A large commodious and beautiful building is in process of erection. A large amount of money has been subscribed and popular interest in the enterprise is increasing. The old and well established institutions at Oxford and Murfreesboro are well equipped and worthy of the patronage of all Baptists.

SMITH HAGAMAN,
T. P. ADAMS,
JOHN MITCHELL,
Committee.

Above report adopted. Cash collection for the above object, $8.20.

Called for report on State Missions. Same read by J. C. Caddell, who then made a speech on the subject. Remarks by D. C. Harman and others. The following is the

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

This is the department of mission work designed to give the Gospel to the destitute parts in our own State. For more than one hundred years our brethren have been going in one form or another in this State mission work. Our strongest churches and most influential Baptists sometimes have their beginning in the mission work.

Ninety-two Baptist preachers have been engaged in this work during the past year, preaching at more than two hundred destitute points. These men have done their work faithfully and well. Many have labored on a scanty support while trying to give the Gospel to them who have it not. Let us remember that while we are giving our people the Gospel, we are not only building up and strengthening other home churches, but by it will all other departments of our work. We urge that each church in this Association take part in this work. The contributions thus far are in advance of any year in our history; but, in order to raise $15,000 by the meeting of the Convention, we must have the hearty support of all of our churches.

C. S. FARTHING,
J. J. T. REESE,
Committee.

The above report was adopted.

Committee on Religious Exercises report that E. F. Jones will preach at the stand at 2 P. M.

A motion to adjourn one hour.

The Association reassembled pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Moderator.

D. C. Harman offered his report on Temperance, when J. R. Pritchard made a speech on the subject, followed by Smith Hagaman, A. Roten, and others. The following is the

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is one of the Christian graces. We are admonished in God's word to be temperate in all things, and Peter exhorts us to add to our knowledge, Temperance. Our definition of temperance is a moderate use of all things necessary and a total abstainer from all things hurtful. It has been truthfully said that intoxicating liquors destroy more lives than wars, pestilences and famine. Intemperance is a great blight upon all our institutions—political, social and religious. Of all the sins and evils of which we read in God's word, it is the only one because of which hell is enlarged. When we look at our prisons and see them filled with felons, and our alms houses and see them filled with orphans and paupers; and when we look at families, once prosperous and happy, brought to degradation and ruin, we inquire why is all this—in nine cases in ten the answer is intemperance. Is this all? No! No! If we could look beyond the boundary line of time and see those who are in the regions of eternal despair from its use, it would be enough to make our hearts sink within us and cause us, I think, to use greater efforts than ever before to crush this deadly evil.

Brethren, let us rise up and pledge ourselves before God to do more; and for the suppression of this deadly sin, let no church retain in her fellowship any one who makes, sells or uses intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. HARMAN.

J. J. T. Reese offered his report on Pastoral Support; then addressed the Association on the report.

The following is the

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

There has been but a very slight increase of the salaries of our pastors since last Associational year. The amount has always been meagre, but it is no more so than usual, compared to the gain in wealth of our people and their opportunities for giving. If the Lord's people would obey the injunction, to give as the Lord has prospered, then our pastors would be amply paid for their services, and in the place of scanty pay, they would receive an amount sufficient to make them better pastors and preachers, and the churches would be built up in all the grace liberality insures. The Bible abounds with proof that "the laborer is worthy of his hire." The earth is teeming with its rich productions, and a part of all this wealth and these products belong to the Lord. Withholding will only tend to impoverish us, while liberality will enrich: so says the Lord of hosts. We would suggest and urge that the churches adopt a system in paying their pastors. If every member would pay five cents per month, it would make a very neat sum for the poor pastor. While many pay more, yet all ought to pay something, if they are not objects of charity in the churches.

J. J. T. REESE,
Chairman.

Above report adopted.

Adopted the following

REPORT ON DIGEST OF LETTERS.

Received by baptism, 123; by letter, 86; restored, 32; dismissed by letter, 93; excluded, 76; deaths, 18. Membership: males, 937; females, 1,365; total, 2,302.

The letters show contributions as follows:

Foreign missions	$ 41 01
Gospel missions	50 04
Home missions	4 00
State missions	2 00
Poor	9 50
Minute fund	31 95
Repairs and other objects	151 57
Incidental expenses	7 50
Sunday-schools	68 56
Pastors' salaries	675 24

W. C. COFFEY,
W. W. PRESNELL,
Committee.

The report on Sunday-schools was submitted by A. Roten, who then made a speech on the subject.

The following is the

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We are happy to report that, so far as our observation extends, the Sunday-schools of our Association are advancing in interest and efficient work. The letters from the churches report 1,400 scholars and 113 officers and teachers in the Sunday-schools of our Association.

We would impress upon Sunday-school workers the importance of visiting and talking with those that are not interested in the Sunday-school work, and make an effort to enlist both old and young in this grand work. Brethren, let us endeavor to do our full duty in this direction, and God will crown our efforts with success.

Respectfully submitted,
A. ROTEN, *Chairman.*

Above report adopted.

Committee on Religious Exercises report J. D. Moore to preach at the stand in the grove to-morrow at 11 o'clock; S. T. Carroll at 2 P. M.; W. H. Canter and David Greene here in the church, to-night; J. F. Eller and I. C. Miller at Bro. Bradley's.

A motion was carried to adjourn until 9 o'clock to-morrow. Prayer by A. Roten.

Benediction by D. C. Harman.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Met at 9 o'clock. The Moderator in the chair, called the Association to order, with J. D. Moore, of the Atlantic Association, leading in prayer.

Read and approved the Minutes of preceeding meeting.

W. S. Farthing offered his report on Associational Missions, when E. F. Jones made a speech on the subject.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

While much has been done by our pioneer Baptist ministers and the ministers of the present day, in extending Baptist influences and planting Baptist churches in the territory of our Association, still we have some territory where there is need of regular Baptist preaching. To

supply this need, your committee would recommend that an efficient missionary be appointed with the additional duty of organizing Sunday-schools where they are not already taught, and of doing the colportage work of the Association, and that the churches be asked to contribute regularly for his support. W. S. FARTHING, *Chairman.*

Above report adopted.

A motion prevailed to appoint Elder Solomon Younce Associational Missionary.

On motion, appointed an executive committee of five to confer with Bro. Younce and point out the destitution. Committee as follows: G. P. Sherrill, T. P. Adamans, William Elrod, E. J. Norris and W. C. Coffey.

Called for report on Foreign Missions; same read by J. H. Farthing.

Most excellent speeches were then made by J. H. Farthing and E. F. Jones, followed by J. J. L. Sherwood, who made some very tender and impressive remarks on the subject.

At this juncture Bro. Jones lead in prayer, in behalf of our missionaries who are preaching the Gospel in the foreign fields to the benighted heathen, who are passing away without God and without Christ in the world.

The following is the

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

When we speak of foreign missions we do not mean the work at home, but the preaching of the Gospel in foreign lands, where they have been destitute of the bread of life entirely until the last century. And even now the work is just begun. Oh, brethren, let us not be weary in this God-given work as long as we hear our Lord saying, "Children, if you love me, keep my Commandments"; and, again, "Go ye into all the world;" and, again, "Preach the Gospel to every creature." But we may say this work has not been successful—we get along so slow. We are so glad our Saviour did not say be successful; but he did say, "Be ye faithful until death, and I will give you a crown of life." We do entreat every church and every brother and sister to give something for this work during this year. J. H. FARTHING,
Chairman.

Report adopted.

Cash collection at the stand, $8.36 for Bro. Blalock.

Taken pledges for the above object, as follows:

Antioch	$ 2	Meat Camp	$ 5
Bethel	6	Mount Gilead	2
Beaver Dam	20	Mount Calvary	2
Beech Mountain	1	Pleasant Grove	5
Brushy Fork	5	Pleasant Valley	1
Cove Creek	10	South Fork	2
Cool Springs	2	Three Forks	20
Elk Knob	1	Zionville	5
Elk Valley	1	Zion Hill	2
Fall Creek	1	David Greene	5
Flat Top	10	D. C. Harman	1
Forest Grove	5	J. J. L. Sherwood	5
Gap Creek	1	J. J. Glenn	5
Howard's Creek	1	G. W. Brown	1
Laurel Springs	3		

J. J. L. Sherwood offered his

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Home missions relates to missions in the Southern States, Indian Territory and Cuba. This work commends itself to our churches. The work in Cuba commends itself to us especially. It is great work. So, in the Indian Territory, our missionaries are doing a great work for the poor Indians, and now our people are turning their attention to the colored people of the South. If we don't do this work, the Catholics will do it, and all the colored people of the South ultimately will be Catholics. So, let us arouse ourselves to this work.

We hope to see the day when the churches will come to the front and do this work. Having no middle men between the churches and the men who do this work, to consume about fifteen per cent. of all the money contributed to home missions, and we rejoice to say some churches are taking steps in this direction.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES J. L. SHERWOOD,
Chairman.

Called on Finance Committee to report. Report read and adopted as follows:

Received for Minute Fund	$ 32 75
Received for Gospel Missions	45 28
Received for State Missions	4 42
Baptist Orphanage	5 18
Total	$ 89 63

C. J. COTRELL,
SMITH HAGAMAN,
Committee.

On motion of Lewis W. Farthing, the regular order of the programme was suspended to appoint a Treasurer.

On motion, T. P. Adams was appointed Treasurer.

REPORT OF COLPORTEUR.

Your Colporteur respectfully submits the following:

Books on hand at the Association of 1893		$ 29 98
Cash on hand at the Association of 1893		9 71
Sept. 18, 1893, received in cash from former Colporteur,		11 00
Aug. 27, 1894, received in cash from former Colporteur,		3 00
Aug. 27, 1894, received in books from form'r Colporteur,		2 62
Aug. 20, 1895, received in cash from former Colporteur,		3 87
Books on hand at present	$ 39 25	
Cash on hand at present	20 93	
Total funds on hand	$ 60 18	$ 60 18

Your Colporteur has bought within the two years, at publishers' prices, books to the amount of $40.05. Sold to the amount of $33.40.

Owing partly to the Providences of God, partly to being engrossed in other business, and partly, perhaps, to other causes, I have not been able to do as good work as might have been done. I therefore, recommend that some brother be appointed Colporteur who can devote more time to the work. W. S. FARTHING, *Colporteur.*

Above report adopted.

On motion, Elder Solomon Younce was appointed Colporteur.

Called on Committee to consider request from Three Forks Church to report. W. C. Coffey being absent, E. J. Norris was appointed in his stead. The following is the report:

Your Committee is of the opinion that according to the teaching of the New Testament, the Church, as organized by the Saviour, is Republican in its form of government, as we learn from the following Scriptures: Acts i: 13, 14, 26; Acts xv: 22 to 29; II Corinthians ii: 6; and various other passages. We therefore, recommend that the Association take such action as will lead to the change of our present basis of representation, as follows: That each church be allowed three delegates for 50 members or less, and one for each additional 50 members, and that preachers do not stand as Messengers ex-officio.

Respectfully submitted,

T. P. ADAMS,
D. C. HARMAN,
E. J. NORRIS,
Committee.

Report adopted.

On motion, the Churches was advised to adopt the report and report the same to the next Association.

On motion, adjourned one hour.

Reassembled at the appointed time. Called to order by the Moderator.

The following is the report on correspondence:

To Ashe and Alleghany Association: John Norris, D. C. Harman, L. C. Wilson.

To Brushy Mountain Association: W. C. Coffey, C. J. Cotrell, David Green.

New River Association: C. S. Farthing, J. J. T. Reese.

Caldwell County Association: W. S. Farthing, J. J. L. Sherwood.

Stony Fork Association: Solomon Younce, L. A. Wilson, L. W. Farthing.

Watauga Association: J. F. Eller, J. F. Davis, J. J. T. Reese.

Mitchell County Association: Jacob Younce, E. J. Norris, J. H. Farthing.

Southern Baptist Convention: W. C. Coffey.

State Convention: J. J. L. Sherwood, T. P. Adams.

On motion of D. C. Harman, it was agreed that the next session of this Association be held with South Fork Church, to begin on Tuesday after fourth Sunday in August, 1896—J. H. Farthing to preach the Introductory sermon, and J. F. Eller be his alternate.

A motion to call on corresponding brethren appointed last year to visit sister Associations, to report same.

On motion, agreed to receive the same as satisfactory.

On motion, appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and that he be allowed $7.50 for his services.

A motion to adjourn until time and place above named. Prayer was offered by D. C. Harman.

Benediction by E. F. Jones.

JACOB YOUNCE, *Clerk.*
W. S. FARTHING, *Moderator.*

Thus ended one of the most pleasant sessions of the Three Forks Association. May the Lord bless such meetings, to the glory of His name.

CLERK.

L. C. Wilson offered his

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, Our contributions to the various objects have been small and far below our ability, much less our duty; therefore,

Resolved 1. That this Association earnestly entreat the churches to do more and make greater sacrifices for the extension of Christ's kingdom than we have in the past.

Resolved 2. That the Association calls attention to this tracting and trafficking on the Association grounds in various things, as growing evils, a public nuisance, and injurious to the cause of Christ, and should not be tolerated; and that steps should be taken to put down the same.

Resolved 3. That this body return thanks to the brethren and sisters of this church for their hospitality and kindness. Also, brethren and sisters of other denominations have our thanks for participating so heartily in entertaining this body.

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. WILSON,
SOLOMON YOUNCE,
Committee.

Above report adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

I have received and forwarded the following amounts since last Association:

Beaver Dam Church, for Blalock	$ 15 00
Three Forks Church, for Blalock	17 42
Three Forks Church, for Orphanage	6 55
Boone Sunday-school, for Orphanage	2 00
Total	$ 40 97

P. S.—Beaver Dam Church sent $6.05, which was turned over to Bro. T. P. Adams, and is not included in the above.

J. F. SPAINHOUR.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

ANTIOCH—L. M. Farthing, J. B. Phillips, E. M. Greer.
BETHEL—L. W. Farthing, L. C. Wilson, W. S. Farthing.
BEAVER DAM—W. J. Hagaman, G. P. Sherrill, J. J. T. Reese.
BETHANY—Not represented.
BEECH MOUNTAIN—W. M. Cannon, W. H. Auston, L. W. McGuire.
BIG LAUREL—John Eggers.
BOONE—W. C. Coffey, W. L. Bryan.
BRUSHY FORK—Joseph Hayes, Alfred Hatley, W. W. Presnell.
COVE CREEK—T. P. Adams, John McBride, F. M. Holtsclaw.
COOL SPRINGS—T. M. Cannon, D. L. Holt.
ELK KNOB—J. M. South.
ELK VALLEY—A. M. Johnson.
FALL CREEK—W. B. Norris.
FLAT TOP—William Elrod.
FOREST GROVE—B. C. Hagaman, E. Gregg, Smith Hagaman.
GAP CREEK—L. P. Watson.
HOWARD'S CREEK—E. J. Norris, R. J. Minton, Wyatt Hayes.
LAUREL SPRINGS—R. W. Walker, J. J. Brown.
LITTLE ZION (col.)—J. W. Moore, W. N. Little, S. W. Thompson.
MEAT CAMP—J. C. Ragan, R. G. Ragan, C. R. Norris.
MOUNT CALVARY—J. C. Chapell, R. T. Shomaker, B. F. Patterson.
MOUNT GILEAD—J. P. Wilkinson, G. W. Younce, J. W. Phillips.
MOUNT LEBANON—J. D. Danner, G. W. McGinnis.
PLEASANT GROVE—James Isaacs, C. C. Adams, Jacob Greene.
PLEASANT VALLEY, N. C.—James Oaks, Wm. Hampton, David Hicks.
PLEASANT VALLEY, Tenn.—J. F. Reece.
SOUTH FORK—J. I. Wilson, C. Greer, J. S. Stanberry.
SHULL'S MILLS—J. C. Shull, J. D. Brown, Harley Brown.
THREE FORKS—C. J. Cotrell, L. N. Perkins.
ZIONVILLE—Solomon Younce, A. Roten, A. Greer.
ZION HILL—J. A. Harman, D. W. Hagaman.

Churches.	Pastors.	Clerks and Post-offices.	Ordained Ministers.	Added. Baptism.	Added. Letter.	Added. Restor'd.	Dismissed. Letter.	Dismissed. Exclud'd	Dismissed. Deaths.	Membership. Males.	Membership. Females.	Membership. Totals.	Licentiates.	Time of meeting Saturday and Sunday before.
Antioch	J. H. Farthing	John Ward, Watauga Falls	---	1	4	--	5	2	1	57	67	124	--	First.
Bethel	A. C. Farthing	W. S. Farthing, Hattie	4	6	4	1	3	2	3	65	85	150	--	Fourth.
Beaver Dam	J. F. Eller	W. F. Reece, Reece	1	14	--	1	6	5	---	42	66	108	--	Second.
Beech Mountain	R. L. Palmer	L. W. McGuire, Dark Ridge	1	5	1	3	6	9	---	39	75	114	1	First.
Big Laurel	Neal Campbell	Hugh Hagaman, Grigsby	1	---	--	--	---	---	---	7	6	13	--	Fourth.
Boone	J. H. Yarboro	W. L. Bryan, Boone	---	---	--	--	---	---	---	---	---	13	--	Third.
Brushy Fork	J. F. Davis	J. H. Presnell, Vilas	2	4	1	2	1	3	---	47	68	115	--	Second.
*Bethany	C. S. Farthing	William Farthing, Watauga Falls	---	---	--	--	---	---	---	4	7	11	--	Fourth.
Cove Creek	J. J. L. Sherwood	J. J. Mast, Vilas	2	2	3	2	---	---	2	61	85	146	--	Third.
Cool Spring	J. F. Eller	A. P. Bolick, Blowing Rock	2	10	3	2	---	5	2	31	41	72	--	Fourth.
Elk Knob	L. A. Wilson	J. M. South, Sutherland	1	1	2	4	1	1	--	19	29	48	2	Fourth.
Elk Valley	R. L. Palmer	A. M. Johnson, Hale	---	1	6	1	---	8	---	24	40	64	1	Fourth.
Fall Creek	J. W. Trivett	W. B. Norris, Hale	1	---	--	--	3	---	---	12	17	29	--	Second.
Forest Grove	J. F. Eller	Smith Hagaman, Sweet Water	2	15	5	3	4	2	---	37	39	76	--	Third.
Flat Top	David Green	J. A. Edmondson, Blowing Rock	---	10	7	1	---	5	1	19	67	86	--	Third.
Gap Creek	I. C. Miller	J. B. Hopkins, Gap Creek	---	2	--	--	7	1	---	20	30	50	--	Second.
Howard's Creek	J. H. Farthing	E. J. Norris, Sands	---	2	16	1	1	---	---	22	44	66	--	Third.
Laurel Spring	S. T. Carroll	Joseph J. Brown, Virgil	3	---	5	--	3	1	1	69	91	160	--	Fourth.
Little Zion (col.)	C. S. Farthing	J. W. Moore, Sweet Water	1	1	1	--	2	2	---	10	21	31	--	First.
Meat Camp	C. S. Farthing	L. A. Green, Norris	2	1	1	--	---	1	---	42	86	128	--	Second.
Mount Calvary	J. C. Johnson	B. F. Patterson, Banner's Elk	1	1	1	---	---	---	---	9	13	22	--	Third.
Mount Gilead	J. F. Eller	J. W. Meadow's, Norris, Tenn	1	11	5	5	7	5	---	49	65	114	--	First.
Mount Lebonon	J. F. Davis	J. D. Bryan, Valley Cruces	---	2	--	--	4	3	1	15	22	37	--	First.
Pleasant Grove	David Green	Robert Perry, Silver Stone	---	10	4	--	3	4	3	57	50	107	--	Fourth.
Pleasant Val. N. C.	W. J. Potter	J. E. Holtclaw, Elk Park	1	8	5	--	---	2	---	25	33	58	--	Fourth.
Pleasant Val. Tenn	L. A. Wilson	J. F. Reece, Orsborn	---	---	--	--	---	2	---	5	17	22	--	Second.
South Fork	David Green	J. S. Stanberry, Todd	1	---	--	--	2	---	2	38	58	96	--	Second.
Shull's Mills	C. S. Farthing	J. D. Brown, Kelsey	---	---	--	--	---	---	---	9	8	17	--	Fourth.
Three Forks	J. J. L. Sherwood	J. C. Brown, Sands	---	10	--	3	12	2	2	77	109	186	--	Second.
Zionville	C. S. Farthing	A. Roten, Zionville	---	6	4	2	10	---	---	66	77	143	--	Fourth.
Zion Hill	R. L. Palmer	D. W. Hagaman, Harman	3	---	8	--	12	10	---	31	39	70	3	Second.
			30	123	86	31	92	75	18	1008	1455	2476	7	

*Last year.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

Churches.	Minute Fund.	State Missions.	Gospel Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Baptist Orph'nge.	Incident'l Expenses	Building & Repairs	Paid Pastors.	Other Objects.	Poor.	Grand Total.
Antioch	$ 1 50	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 26 00	$	$	$ 27 50
Bethel	2 25		5 00		4 00	2 50	7 00		45 00	12 33		78 53
Beaver Dam	1 50	2 17	25 66			4 76			60 00		1 50	95 59
Beech Mountain	1 25								5 61			8 34
Big Laurel	50								6 00			6 50
Boone	1 00								72 00			73 00
Brushy Fork	1 50		3 00			67						5 17
Cove Creek	1 65		10 35									12 00
Cool Springs	1 25		2 00					30 00	18 29			51 54
Elk Knob	55			60			5 00		9 60			15 65
Elk Valley	1 40								6 95			8 35
Fall Creek	75		2 00									9 20
Flat Top	1 25		11 00					20 00	60 45			92 35
Forest Grove	1 10			3 45					29 42		8 00	41 97
Gap Creek	1 00								20 00			21 00
Howard's Creek	1 00							10 00	20 00			31 00
Laurel Springs	2 00	2 00						75 00	25 00			104 00
Little Zion (col.)	1 00						25		25 00			26 25
Meat Camp	1 50											1 50
Mount Calvary	75		1 25									2 00
Mount Gilead	80						35		14 91			18 06
Mount Lebanon									9 00			9 00
Pleasant Grove	1 10		2 11						25 00			28 21
Pleasant Valley	1 00							40 00				41 00
Pleas't Val., Tenn	60								15 00			15 60
South Fork	80		2 00									2 80
Shull's Mills	50								10 00			10 50
Three Forks	1 00			17 19		7 08	7 50		100 00	25 29		158 16
Zionville	1 40		5 37						60 00			66 77
Zion Hill	1 25		2 00						6 00			9 25
L. P. Watson		1 00				1 00						2 00
	$ 33 15	$ 5 17	$ 72 74	$ 20 14	$ 4 00	$ 15 94	$ 20 10	$175 00	$669 23	$ 37 62	$ 9 50	1,067 59

Sunday-school contributions not included in this table.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST-OFFICES.	No. Officers & Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Sunday-school Expenses.	No. of Quarterlies.	Contributi'ns to Baptist Orphanage.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Sunday Schools.	No. of Volumes in Library.
Antioch	L. W. Farthing, Watauga Falls	6	50	$ 65	16	$	$	$	$	
Bethel	Carroll Green, W. S. Farthing, Hattie	19	101	9 06	88	5 00			71	131
Beaver Dam	W. Swift, Reece	7	87	5 00	50					43
Beech Mountain	Jacob Younce, Dark Ridge	5	36	1 48	30					
Boone			25							
Cove Creek	John McBride, Amantha		97	10 00						
Cool Spring	A. P. Bolick, Blowing Rock	4	58	50						
Elk Knob	W. H. Mikels, Tracy	5	45	2 00	43				1 00	
Elk Valley	S. L. Marshall, Hale	6	51	1 25	40					
Fall Creek	W. M. Cannon, Dark Ridge	7	55	1 65	34					
Flat Top	Willie Foster, Blowing Rock	3	60	2 00	60				8 00	
Forest Grove	W. H. Eller, Sweet Water	6	50	1 75	20					
Howard's Creek	E. J. Norris, Sands	6	52	1 50	24					
Laurel Spring	Solomon Green, Virgil	7	100	3 00	60	1 00	1 22	1 00		
Little Zion	G. W. Whitington, Vilas	9	59							
Mount Calvary	Mrs. Lucinda Banner, Banner Elk	5	30	2 00	40					
Mount Gilead	Solomon Younce, Beech Creek	15	115	7 25	107					
Mount Lebanon										
Pleasant Grove			70							
Pleasant Valley, N. C.	J. E. Holtsclaw, Elk Park	5	49	2 00	50					
South Fork	J. I. Wilson, Todd	6	50	1 10	47					
Three Forks	W. M. Francum, Boone	10	67	3 36	53					
Zionville	A. Roten, Zionville	6	80	5 00	50					
Zion Hill	E. G. Harman, Harman	3	20							
		140	1,447	$60 55	812	$ 6 00	$ 1 22	$ 1 00	$ 9 71	174

*Same churches report good Sunday-schools, but give no statistics.

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T. P. ADAMS, Treasurer ..... Yerger, N. C.
A. ROTEN, Colporteur ..... Zionville, N. C.

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W. F. KNIGHT ..... Blowing Rock, N. C.
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R. F. SHERRER (colored) ..... Sweet Water, N. C.

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E. G. HARMAN ..... an, N. C.
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G. W. MCGINNIS ..... N. C.
S. T. FOX ..... N. C.
J. P. HAGAMAN ..... N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

SOUTH FORK CHURCH, August 25, 1896.

The Three Forks Baptist Association met this day, in its fifty-sixth session, with South Fork Church, at 11 o'clock A. M.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. J. E. White, using for his text, I Cor. xvi:8-9.

After the sermon, adjournment for one hour.

Reassembled at the time appointed by singing—

"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!"

Prayer was offered by A. Roten. Then called to order by W. S. Farthing, the Moderator.

The letters from the different churches were then called for and received.

Smith Hagaman and William Elrod were appointed Reading Clerks, by whom the letters were read.

The terms of the officers of the fifty-fifth session having now expired, the Association proceeded to ballot for Moderator and Clerk, with J. C. Caddell and J. E. White acting as tellers.

The ballot resulted in the re-election of Hon. W. S. Farthing as Moderator and Jacob Younce, Clerk.

The Association was then declared ready for further business.

On motion of D. C. Harman, correspondents and visiting messengers were invited, and the following were recognized: J. E. White, Corresponding Secretary Baptist State Convention; J. W. Bailey and J. C. Caddell, representing *Biblical Recorder*; A. Johnson, representing Baptist Orphanage; J. C. Blalock, visitor from Mitchell County Association; J. E. Johnson, representing Educational Board Wake Forest College; I. C. Miller, R. H. Pipes, Calvin Tucker and Thomas Miller, correspondents from Stoney Fork Association; T. M. Dunkin, from Ashe and Alleghany Association; M. P. Matheny, visitor from Buncombe County Association.

On motion, the usual committees were appointed as follows:

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.—J. H. Farthing, A. Johnson.
TEMPERANCE.—Simon Younce, T. P. Adams.
PASTORAL SUPPORT.—C. J. Cottrell, J. H. Farthing.
EDUCATION.—J. J. T. Reese, J. E. Johnson.
PERIODICALS.—David Greene, William Elrod.
FOREIGN MISSIONS.—J. J. T. Reese, A. Roten.
STATE MISSIONS.—W. W. Presnell, J. E. White.
SUNDAY SCHOOL.—C. S. Farthing, Smith Hagaman,
HOME MISSIONS.—L. M. Perkins.
ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.—J. M. Payne, J. F. Eller.
CORRESPONDENCE.—W. W. Presnell, Wm. Elrod.
DIGEST OF LETTERS.—E. M. Greer, C. S. Farthing, J. J. T. Reese.
RESOLUTIONS.—E. J. Norris, L. C. Wilson.
FINANCE.—J. T. Reese, J. C. Harman.
RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.—Pastor Greene and delegates of South Fork Church.
ARRANGEMENTS.—J. F. Davis, C. S, Farthing, J. H. Mast.
OBITUARIES.—D. C. Harman, J. F. Eller, W. S. Farthing.

On motion, called for reading of report on Baptist Orphanage, and same was read by A. Johnson, who then addressed the Association on the report. Cash collection for the above object, $4.43.

The following is the report on

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The Orphanage at Thomasville was established to supply, as far as it can be done, a home for the children of our dead brethren who are left without one. We have now one hundred and forty-four of these children. This is twenty more than can be comfortably accommodated. There is now being erected a building which will enlarge the capacity of the Orphanage to two hundred. Most of the money for this building has been forwarded, but the effort to raise this extra amount has diminished the general fund to pay out current expense. We are in great need of funds to meet our present obligations, and we confidently rely on the churches to enlarge their contributions during the coming year to meet the generally enlarged amount upon us. We urge the different Sunday Schools in the Associations to take monthly collections for the Orphanage. The work is in good condition, and outlook very hopeful.

J. A. FARTHING,
A. JOHNSON,
Committee.

Above report adopted.

On motion, opened a door for the reception of churches, and received one by the name of Sampson, by letter, from the Blue Ridge Association.

A motion was carried to adjourn until 8:30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by J. C. Caddell. Benediction by D. C. Harman.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment yesterday.

W. F. Knight read the Twenty-third Psalm and then led the devotional exercises.

At 9 o'clock the Moderator called the Association to order. First read and corrected minutes of yesterday; called roll and marked absentees. Committee on Religious Exercises reported J. C. Blalock to preach from the stand at 11 A. M., and M. P. Matheny at 1 P. M. Read bill of arrangements, and, on motion, the same was adopted.

A motion was carried to appoint a Query Committee, as follows: J. H. Farthing, S. T. Carroll, G. P. Sherrill.

A motion prevailed to limit speeches on the opening of each subject to thirty minutes; other speeches to ten minutes.

Called for report on Periodicals, which was read by J. W. Bailey, who made a speech on the report. Remarks were also made by M. P. Matheny and others. The following is the

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

A recognized, well supported, thoroughly circulated organ of our churches is essential to their development, necessary to the carrying out of their aims and maintaining their enterprises for the hastening of the Kingdom of God on earth. We therefore recommend to our people as their organ and home paper the *Biblical Recorder*, which for sixty-two

years has served the denomination faithfully and well: improving the people, strengthening them in doctrine, and developing in them the support of the enterprises and aims of our churches. We also recommend *Charity and Children*, the organ of our Orphanage, and call the attention of our Sunday School Superintendents to the advisability of getting up clubs for it in every Sunday School, that the children may thus at an early age be interested in our work. We recommend also the *Southern Baptist*, published at Asheville, N. C.; and we urge our people to send their contributions to the Baptist Book Store, at Raleigh, N. C., the profits of which go to State Missions. Our pastors should read and circulate the *Foreign Mission Journal*, Richmond, Va. We also recommend the *North Carolina Baptist*, published at Fayetteville, N. C., and *Missionary Helps*.

DAVID GREENE,
WM. ELROD,
Committee.

Above report adopted.

J. E. White read Report on State Missions, then made a most excellent speech on the same. Following is the

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions is a work which lies near the hearts of all true Baptists in North Carolina. Paul said he could wish himself accursed for his brethren—his kinsmen according to the flesh. State Missions is an effort on our part to give the gospel to our own people—our kinsmen in North Carolina. We are trying to put a Baptist Church within the reach of every man, woman and child in the State.

This year we have ninety-four missionaries, preaching to about four hundred and fifty congregations; thirty-six of these missionaries are in the western section; twenty-four in the middle, and thirty-four in the eastern section of the State.

There yet remains much territory to be occupied.

Over one million of our people in North Carolina are without Christ. There are hundreds of weak and undeveloped churches which need assistance.

The Board of Missions was authorized by the Convention to appropriate fifteen thousand dollars to this work. We are now owing our missionaries the greater portion of their annual salaries, which are pitiably small. Only two thousand dollars has been received up to date. This great western section, so rich in possibilities, is to be in the future the great field for State Mission work. We urge this Association to give more liberally to the work, which will do so much for its own people.

W. W. PRESNELL,
JOHN E. WHITE.

Above Report adopted.

Pledges were then taken for the above object as follows:

Bethel 5	Fall Creek $1	Pleasant Grove $1
Beaver Dam 3	Flat Top 2	South Fork 2
Big Laurel 1	Gap Creek 1	Shull's 50
Boon 5	Laurel Spring 5	Three Forks 2
Cove Creek 3	Meat Camp 1	Zionville 2
Elk Knob 2	Mt. Calvary 1	Zionhill 1

At this juncture the Moderator extended an invitation to visiting messengers, the following being recognized: J. F. Spainhour, E. F. Jones, R. L. Patton, from Catawba River Association; J. G. Pulliam, from Raleigh Association

Called for Report on Education, and same read, when J. E. Johnson addressed the Association on the subject. Remarks by M. P. Matheny and others. The following is the

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

1. The Education ef Ministers. The first object of the Baptist State Convention, as stated in the Convention, is the education of young Baptist preachers. There is no more worthy object that claims the attention of our people. The men aided by the Board of Education and the work done by these men are an unanswerable argument for the value of the system and the wisdom of the method of the Board. Very many young men licensed by the churches are asking aidto help them secure an education. The Board this year refused fifteen worthy men for the lack of funds. If these men are helped, we as Baptist must come to their rescue.

2. Wake Forest College is better prepared to give any young men a complete education, then it has ever done before, and we recommend that the Baptists give it their hearty support. We also recommend that Baptist people send their children to Baptist schools, when it can be conveniently done.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. JOHNSON.

Above report adopted.

On motion, adjourned until one o'clock for dinner and refreshments.

Reassembled at the appointed hour. Called to order by the Moderator.

O. L. Stringfield was recognized as visitor, representing the Baptist Female University, Raleigh, N. C.

J. F. Davis offered his Report on Foreign Missions, then addressed the Association on the Report. Remarks by J. C. Blalock and others.

On motion, suspended the rule limiting speeches, to allow Bro. Patton to make a speech on the above Report. The following is the

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

When our Saviour was about to leave the world, He said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Brethren, the Master has commanded, it is our duty to obey. Paul said: "So much as in me is, I am ready to preach the Gospel to you that are at Rome also. I am debtor both to the Greeks and also to the Barbarians, both to the wise and to the unwise."

While our Association has adopted the plan of giving directly through Gospel missions, let us not find between the different places an excuse to do nothing.

Our Saviour has certainly commanded; will we obey? "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. HARMAN,
J. F. DAVIS.

Above report adopted.

Called for Report on Temperance, and same was read. The following is the

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee are glad to report the cause of Temperance a growing cause.

The great obstacle in the way of its progress is the division among the friends of this noble reform as to the best method of suppressing the liquor traffic. It would be a great point gained, if we could see eye to

eye and speak the same thing, but let us waste no time in strife among ourselves, but give our attention to the manufacture of public sentiment against this greatest of all evils. To this end let us advise our churches to see to it that no one is retained in membership in any of our churches, who is known to visit bar-rooms or befoul his breath with strong drink.

Let us manufacture sentiment against intemperance by outlawing every tipler in every possible way. We want to arouse our women to the needs of this great cause. No great factor can be found in this great work than the women, and we trust that our women will use all their influence against this monster, socially and morally.

SOLOMON YOUNCE,
T. P. ADAMS,
Committee.

Above report adopted.

Committee on Religious Exercises report:

R. L. Patton to preach at the stand at 11 o'clock to-morrow, and E. F. Jones, at 1 P. M.

On motion, adjourned until 8:30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by C. S. Farthing.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

At 8:30 o'clock the Association assembled again by the singing of

"O love, surpassing knowledge,
O grace, so full and free."

Then J. F. Eller read the 103 Psalm, then led the devotional exercises. The Moderator in the chair proceeded to call the Association to order. C. S. Farthing, from the Committee, read the Report on Sunday Schools.

M. P. Matheny made a speech on the report. Remarks by J. F. Davis, D. C. Harmon and others. Report adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Received for Minute funds	$31 42
Foreign Missions for [illegible]. L. Blalock	52 76
Orphanage	4 49
From Cool Spring Church for Blacks	61
	$89 28

Above report adopted.

Called Colporteur and Associational Missionary to report. The following is the report:

I began work in the latter part of October, 1895, and spent twelve days the later part of the fall and the first part of the winter in the destitute parts of the Association.

But the Committee did not confer with me; neither help towards my services, and owing to my limited financial circumstances, I was forced to leave the field. But lately I have received four dollars and twenty-five cents: Two dollars and fifty cents from the treasurer of this Association; one dollar from W. S. Farthing; from J. C. Chaplee, fifty cents from Cool Spring Church twenty-five cents.

SOLOMON YOUNCE,
Associational Missionary.

Above report adopted.

REPORT OF COLPORTEUR.

Received from former Colporteur in the past year books to the amount of	$39 25	
Cash	20 93	
Total	$60 18	
Books on hand		$22 31
Cash		37 87
Total		$60 18

Your Colporteur has bought within the last year books to the amount of $675; sold, $2,607.

SOLOMON YOUNCE, *Colporteur.*

Called on Committee on Field and Support to report. No report made.

REPORT OF QUERY COMMITTEE.

What should a church do with a member who, giving testimony against a member of another church, in giving his testimony was proven in a falsehood in the case? Answer: Convince the brother, and labor to reclaim him, if proven in an error. If that fails, deal with him.

2d. What right has a church to refuse to grant a letter to members in good standing, and nothing against them? Answer: No right to refuse.

G. P. SHERRILL,
J. H. FARTHING,
Committee.

Report adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1896.

Moneys received during the year:

Minute money (Total)		$ 32 75
Gospel mission money at last Association		45 28
Received of former Treasurer		6 05
" " Beaver Dam Church		20 00
" " Bro. Thos. Day, of Stoney Fork Association		50
" " Flat Top Church		5 25
" " Cove Creek Church		5 93
" " Three Forks Church		7 00
" " Forest Grove Church		5 34
" " Pleasant Grove Church		3 00
Union meeting		2 75
Total amount of Gospel mission money received		$101 10
State mission money received (Total)		4 42
Received for the Thomasville Orphan Asylum at last Association (Total)		5 18
Received of Three Forks Church for Bro. Younce, missionary of the Association		2 50
Received at last Association (object not stated)		8 35
Grand total of all moneys received for all purposes		$154 30

Moneys paid out by the Treasurer:

Paid to Clerk of last Association for services	$ 7 50
" Edwards & Broughton for printing minutes	25 25
" for registering same	10
" to Bro. R. L. Patton for Bro. Blalock, in China	99 34
" for money order and registering same	53
" to Boushall, Raleigh, State Missions	4 32
" for registering same	10
" to Thomasville Orphan Asylum	7 00
" for registering the same	10
" to Bro. Solomon Younce, missionary of the Association	2 50
Grand total for all moneys paid out for all purposes	$146 74
Leaving in the hands of Treasurer	$7 56

Respectfully submitted,

T. P. ADAMS,
Treasurer of the Association.

Above report adopted.

On motion, continued Bro. T. P. Adams as Treasurer for next year.

C. J. Cotrell offered his report on Pastoral Support, then spoke on the same. Remarks by J. H. Farthing, M. P. Matheny, and others. The following is the

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

In the report on Pastoral Support for last year there was only $669.23, not enough to pay two pastors for a year; this year it seems to be less. If the Lord's people would only obey the divine injunction to give as the Lord has prospered them, then our pastors would be amply paid for their services, and in the place of such scanty pay they would receive an amount sufficient to make them better pastors, and enable them to do more and better work for our blessed Master, and all the churches would be built up in all the grace, liberality, etc. The Bible abounds with proof that the laborer is worthy of his hire. We would suggest and urge that the churches adopt a system in paying their pastors. If every member would pay a small amount—say five or ten cents per month—it would amount to a neat sum, that would greatly enable our pastors to preach, and the cause of Christ greatly advanced. We ought to try to do more in the future than we have in the past.

C. J. COTRELL,
J. H. FARTHING,
Committee.

Above report adopted. L. N. Perkins then read the

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The work of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is to give the Gospel to our native people, the colored people, the Indians, the foreign population within the bounds of the Convention, and also to assist Brother Diaz and his associates in preaching the Gospel to the Cubans. The Home Board has done a good work in every section where the missionaries have gone. Nearly all are acquainted with Brother Diaz's work in Cuba. The prayers and sympathies of all our people are called forth by the recent sufferings of our brethren in Cuba on account of the war there. May peace soon restored and our brethren return to their homes and work in Cuba. We recommend to

the churches that at least one collection in the year be taken for the Home Board and the amount sent to I. Tichenor, Corresponding Secretary, Atlanta, Ga. We must evangelize the foreigners who come to live among us, or they will heathenize us. In western North Carolina the Board has assisted in the work of preaching the Gospel to the people by helping to support missionaries who preach to our people.

L. N. PERKINS.

Above report adopted.

Called on the Committee on Associational Missions to report. The following is the

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

But little was done in this work last year. There are some places where we do not have regular preaching. We would, therefore, recommend the appointment of a committee to look after this work and appoint a preacher to supply these places.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. PAYNE,
J. F. ELLER,
Committee.

Above report adopted.

On motion a committee of five was appointed to look out the destitute places and appoint missionaries to supply same. Committee is as follows: T. P. Adams, G. P. Sherrill, W. C. Coffey, L. N. Perkins, William Elrod.

Motion to refer the appointment of Colporteur to the Committee on Associational Missions.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE

called to report, which was as follows:

Ashe and Alleghany Association: Soloman Younce, J. F. Eller, Asa Brown, G. P. Sherrill.

To Brushy Mountain Association: J. J. T. Reese, L. N. Perkins, C. J. Cotrell.

New River Association: W. S. Farthing, Lewis W. Farthing, W. H. Farthing.

Caldwell County Association: J. F. Davis, W. F. Knight, Wm. Elrod.

Stony Fork: C. S. Farthing, L. W. Farthing, L. P. Watson, J. M. Payne.

Watauga: J. J. L. Sherwood, C. S. Farthing, J. [illegible] Davis.

Mitchell County: J. H. Farthing, E. J. Norris, [illegible]acob Younce, John Norris.

Southern Baptist Convention: J. J. L. Sherwood, T. P. Adams.

State Convention: W. C. Coffey, I. N. Corpening.

W. W. PRESNELL,
WILLIAM ELROD,
Committee.

Above report adopted.

A motion was carried to adjourn to the stand, to hear a speech from Bro. Stringfield, who came forward and made a telling speech on "Female Education," pointing out the reasons and facts why the female should be educated. The speech was of much interest to the congregation.

At 1 o'clock the Moderator called the Association to order. Called on Obituary Committee to report; same read by the Moderator.

Some very impressive remarks were then made by D. [illegible] Harman.

OBITUARY ADDRESS.

Elder Abner C. Farthing was born October 6, 1819, about six miles from the site of the city of Durham, N. C. He was the son of Elder William W. Farthing and Polly W. Farthing, who removed with their family to Watauga (then Ashe) County when the subject of this sketch was but seven years old.

At an early age his father was taken from him by death. Our brother was, therefore, left to the care of his mother and older brothers and sisters.

Brought up in a country but sparsely settled and without any public school fund, our brother had very meagre means to acquire an education. He attended school only a few months during his life, yet, notwithstanding all his difficulties, by dint of his own efforts he acquired, in some respects, a tolerably fair education, and was for several years County Surveyor of Watauga County in after life.

He was married December 24, 1840, to Mary Narcissa, daughter of John Farthing, and by this union he became the father of twelve children, nine of whom are still living: two died in their infancy, and the oldest son died at the age of 15 years.

The departed experienced faith in Christ at the age of 18 years, but did not at the time accept it as regeneration, and remained unconnected with any church for several years. At length, in 1843, he united with Cove Creek Baptist Church and was baptized into the fellowship of the same by Elder Barzillai McBride.

On July 4, 1851, Bethel Church was organized, with our brother and nine others as constituent members.

About 46 years ago he began to preach the "unsearchable riches of Christ." July 24, 1852, he was ordained to the full work of the Gospel Ministry. Elders Joseph Harrison, Barzillai McBride, Jacob Greene and R. P. Farthing constituting the presbytery, and for a period of about 44 years from that time he was actively engaged in the work of his Divine Master. He was pastor of many churches in Caldwell and Watauga counties, N. C., and Johnson County, Tenn. He also frequently preached in destitute places, and among all his colaborers he had no equal, and in all *Western North Carolina* he had no superior.

Our deceased brother seemed to preach with the unction of the spirit. His labors were greatly blessed, and we believe that many souls were led to the Saviour through the instrumentality of his preaching, and that in him will be verified this Scripture: "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

For over 40 years our departed brother was continually sent as a delegate to the Three Forks Association, and from his first election until the close of his life he was always present at the annual sessions of this body, and his opinions were generally received with great deference by his brethren.

At the session of 1878 he was elected Moderator of the Association, and during 14 consecutive sessions continued to preside over the same, and then declined a re-election. He never seemed to covet the honors which his brethren conferred upon him or to be elated by the applause of men, but wore his honors with modesty and humility.

On the 28th day of July, 1896, his earthly career closed, and the soul of our beloved brother was translated to a "brighter home."

One by one the old lights are being taken from among us.

Of a family of 13 sons and daughters that removed with their father from Wake County, N. C., to this country in 1826, one sister only remains on this side of "Jordan's waters." Of the Baptist ministers who preached in the Three Forks Association 30 years ago, two only are left.

These facts convince us that in a few years nothing will remain to remind us of a former generation except the landmarks which our fathers and mothers have made. And we are reminded, *too*, that *our responsibilities* have become the greater by their removal.

It is our duty to build upon the foundations which the old brethren have laid. Let us resolve, by God's help, to carry on the work which they commenced with renewed energy until we, *too*, shall go to our reward.

Signed by the committee,

D. C. HARMAN,
J. F. ELLER.
Committee.

Above report adopted.

REPORT ON DIGEST OF LETTERS.

Received by baptism	108
Received by letter	78
Restored	28
Dismissed by letter	67
Excluded	70
Deaths	37
Membership, males	1,021
Membership, females	1,474
Total	2,495

Letters report four churches favor a change of representation; two for a partial change; eight no change; fifteen no expression. Beech Mountain and Brushy Fork churches each ask for the Association.

We observe that the death-rate in the Association has more than doubled that of last year.

The queries sent from Flat Top Church having been referred to a committee, we do not report them.

E. M. GREER,
C. S. FARTHING,
J. J. T. REESE,
Committee.

Above report adopted.

On motion of Lewis W. Farthing, it was agreed that the next session of this Association be held with Brushy Fork Church, to begin on Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August, 1897, and that J. H. Farthing preach the Introductory Sermon, and that David Greene be his alternate.

The Association votes no change in the proposed amendment in reference to change of basis of representation.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we, the Three Forks Association, tender our sincere thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of this church in general for their hospitality and kindness during this session of this Association.

E. J. NORRIS,
L. C. WILSON,
Committee.

Above report adopted.

Committee on Redistricting the Association report, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING THE ASSOCIATION.

We beg leave to say that after examining the strength carefully and financially, that the division of the churches are as good as we can get for the present.

J. J. T. REESE,
DAVID GREENE,
T. P. ADAMS,
Committee.

Above report adopted.

Associational Missionary Committee report as follows:

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

Your committee recommend that you appoint Elder C. S. Farthing Associational Missionary to labor in such territory as the committee may direct; and that Bro. Abraham Roten be appointed Colporteur, with Bro. Farthing as assistant.

T. P. ADAMS,
Chairman.

Report adopted.

On motion, the Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and allowed $7.50 for his services.

On motion, called on correspondent appointed last year to visit sister Associations to report.

The same was made; and, on motion, agreed to receive same as satisfactory.

On motion, adjourned until time and place above-named.

Prayer was offered by D. C. Harman; benediction by R. L. Patton.

W. S. FARTHING,
Moderator.

JACOB YOUNCE,
Clerk.

Thus ended another very pleasant session of the Three Forks Association. May the Lord bless this Association to the glory of His name!

CLERK.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND POST-OFFICES.	Ordained Ministers.	ADDED.			DISMISSED.			MEMBERSHIP			Licentiates.	Time of meeting Saturday and Sunday before.
				Baptism.	Letter.	Restor'd.	Letter.	Exclu'd.	Deaths.	Males.	Females.	Totals.		
Antioch	J. H. Farthing	John Ward, Watauga Falls		1			1	1	4	54	56	110		First.
Bethel	J. H. Farthing	W. S. Farthing, Hattie	3		2		1		2	64	85	149		Fourth.
Beaver Dam	J. F. Eller	J. T. Reese, Reese	1	1	2		4	5		38	65	103		Second.
Bethany	I. J. McGinnis	W. J. Farthing, Watauga Falls			4	1	2	2		2	9	11		Third.
Beech Mountain	R. L. Palmer	L. W. McGuire, Dark Ridge	1	8	3	2	5	4		43	75	118	1	First.
Big Laurel	Neal Campbell	Hugh Hagaman, Grigsby								7	6	13		Fourth.
Boone	J. F. Davis	W. L. Bryan, Boone			2		3			3	8	11		Fourth.
Brush Fork	J. F. Eller	J. H. Presnell, Boone	2	17	6	1	2	4	4	71	99	170	4	First.
Cove Creek	J. F. Davis	J. J. Mast, Vilas	2			1	1	4	2	57	83	140	1	Third.
Cool Spring	J. M. Payne	D. I. Holt, Blowing Rock	2	3	4				1	35	44	79		Fourth.
Elk Knob	L. C. Wilson	J. M. South, Sutherland	1	6	4	7	2	1	1	31	35	66	2	First.
Elk Valley	R. L. Palmer	A. M. Johnson, Hale		3	2		2	2		21	43	64		Fourth.
Fall Creek	John Norris	W. B. Norris, Hale	1				2			11	17	28		Second.
Forest Grove	J. F. Eller	Smith Hagaman, Sweet Water	2		4		6	2		34	39	73		Third.
Flat Top	David Green	J. A. Edmiston, Blowing Rock						1	1	18	66	84		Third.
Gap Creek	Asa Brown	J. B. Hopkins, Gap Creek		17	1			1		29	38	67		First.
Howard Creek	J. H. Farthing	E. J. Norris, Sands			1		4	3	1	21	39	60		Third.
Laurel Springs	L. A. Wilson	Joseph J. Brown, Virgil	3	3	1		4	3	2	65	92	157		Fourth.
Little Zion	R. F. Sherer	J. W. Moore, Sweet Water	1							10	21	31		First.
Meat Camp	C. S. Farthing	L. A. Greene, Norris	2	5	2		1		5	43	86	129		Fourth.
Mount Calvary	L. C. Wilson	B. F. Patterson, Banner Elk	1	3			2		1	11	16	27		Third.
Mount Gilead	G. W. Trivett	J. W. Meadows, Norris, Tenn	2	2	7	2	4	3	1	55	57	112		Third.
Mount Lebanon	J. F. Davis	J. D. Bryan, Valley Cruces								15	22	37		First.
Pleasant Grove	David Green	Alex. Hagaman, Silver Stone		1		1	6	3		40	53	93		Fourth.
Pleasant Val., N.C.	W. M. Cannon	D. C. Hix, Elk Park	1	10	4			6	1	24	38	62		Fourth.
Pleasa't Val., Tenn	L. A. Wilson	J. F. Reece, Orsburn, Tenn								5	17	22		Second.
South Fork	David Green	J. S. Stanbery, Todd	1	11	1	1			3	41	63	104		Second.
Shull's Mills	J. M. Payne	J. D. Brown, Kelsy								9	8	17		Fourth.
Sampson	W. F. Knight	S. E. Harrison, Penley	1	2	7	1				29	34	63		Fourth.
Three Forks	J. J. L. Sherwood	J. C. Brown, Sands		2	2	3	5	11	7	70	95	165		Second.
Zionsville	Solomon Younce	G. C. Greer, Zionsville	1	9	7	4	3	7	1	66	92	158		Fourth.
			2		8	4	7	8		29	33	62		Second.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	State Miss.	Gospel Miss.	Foreign Miss.	Home Miss.	Baptist Orph'ge.	Incid'tal Exp'ses.	Building &Rep'rs.	Paid Pastors.	Other Objects.	Poor.	Grand Total.
Antioch	$ 1 50	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 30 00	$	$	$ 31 50
Bethel	2 25	4 50		10 00	5 00	5 00	7 15		50 90	3 50		88 30
Beaver Dam	1 20			27 75	6 29	2 44		30 00	60 00			91 20
Beech Mountain	1 35		2 35						9 64			13 34
Bethany	50						50		6 50			7 50
Big Laurel	50								6 00			6 50
Boone	50	2 10		2 00		1 65			50 00			56 25
Brushy Fork	1 15		6 00									7 15
Cove Creek	1 50			5 75	1 92				36 50			46 67
Cool Spring	1 00			61					20 00			23 61
Elk Knob	55								11 65			12 05
Elk Valley	1 25		1 00						12 65			13 90
Fall Creek	65		1 00						8 50			10 15
Forest Grove	1 10		5 34			1 27	7 00	3 00	41 00			64 01
Flat Top	1 35		10 00						50 00			65 10
Gap Creek	1 00							95 00				96 00
Howard's Creek	1 00		60						20 00			21 60
Laurel Spring	1 50	4 50						165 00	20 00			191 00
Meat Camp	1 40		2 25						30 00			26 25
Mount Calvary	75			2 00					35 00			37 75
Mount Gilead	1 00			2 35					11 05			14 70
Pleasant Grove	67		3 50				1 50		29 00			31 17
Pleasant Valley	1 00		1 35					74 00	6 60			81 00
South Fork	1 00		2 00						25 00			26 00
Sampson	75											75
Shull's Mills	50								8 00			8 50
Three Forks	2 00			27 40		3 22	5 00		82 00	2 50	4 50	126 68
Zionville	1 20		5 51			4 60			40 00	2 62		53 93
Zion Hill	1 25								11 90			13 15
	$ 32 27	$ 11 10	$ 40 90	$ 76 06	$ 13 21	$ 18 18	$ 21 15	$367 00	$ 68 79	$ 8 62	$ 4 50	$1245 71

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. Scholars.	Sunday School Expenses.	No. Quarterlies.	Contributions Baptist Orphanage.	No. Volumes in Library.
Antioch	W. H. Glenn, Watauga Falls	7	40	$1.30	40	------	133
Bethel	H. A. Farthing, W. S. Farthing, Hattie	17	118	1.08	106	$7.00	43
Beaver Dam	W. Swift, Reese	7	66	5.50	60	------	------
Beech Mountain	J. W. Trivett, Dark Ridge	7	43	2.05	43	------	------
Bethany	I. J. McGinnis, Banner Elk	6	47	1.00	39	------	------
Boone	W. C. Coffey, Boone	------	------	------	------	------	------
Brushy Fork	J. E. Hayes, Boone	5	31	1.28	54	------	------
Cove Creek	F. M. Holtsclaw, Amantha	9	56	9.58	------	9.30	------
Elk Knob	J. S. Jackson, Tracy	3	40	1.51	30	------	------
Elk Valley	A. M. Johnson, Hale	6	88	2.10	40	------	------
Fall Creek	G. W. Brown, Hale	5	35	1.60	30	------	------
Forest Grove	J. G. Hagaman, Sweet Water	6	50	2.00	25	1.27	------
Howard's Creek		4	39	------	------	------	------
Laurel Spring	Solomon Greene, Virgil	7	110	8.86	194	------	------
Meat Camp	John Crisp, Norris	5	52	90	26	------	------
Mount Calvary	B. F. Patterson, Banner Elk	5	30	2.00	24	------	------
Mount Gilead	Hugh James Beech Creek	6	40	4.25	35	------	------
Pleasant Grove	James Isaacs, Yerger	5	33	4.11	200	------	------
Pleasant Valley	Solomon Younce, Elk Park	4	66	1.66	24	------	------
South Fork	J. I. Wilson, Todd	6	40	75	20	------	------
Sampson	S. E. Harrison, Penley	7	84	------	------	------	------
Shull's Mills	Hurley Brown, Kelsey	5	30	40	------	------	------
Three Forks	W. M. Francum, Boone	10	60	3.30	70	------	------
Zionville	George Roten, Zionville	9	75	7.00	70	------	------
Zion Hill	A. J. Harman, Harman	5	34	1.80	22	------	------
		155	1,207	$63.93	872	$17.57	176

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

ANTIOCH—L. W. Farthing, E. M. Greer, W. H. Glenn.
BETHEL—Lewis W. Farthing, W. S. Farthing.
BEAVER DAM—W. Swift, G. P. Sherrill, J. J. T. Reese.
BEECH MOUNTAIN—W. M. Cannon, G. W. McGuire, John Church.
BETHANY—Larkin Mikels.
BIG LAUREL—John Eggers.
BOONE—W. C. Coffey.
BRUSHY FORK—W. W. Presnell, James H. Presnell.
COVE CREEK—T. P. Adams, F. M. Holtsclaw.
COOL SPRING—J. M. Hartly.
ELK KNOB—J. M. South, W. V. Shelton.
ELK VALLEY—Thomas Smith.
FALL CREEK—G. W. Brown, W. B. Norris.
FLAT TOP—William Elrod, William Foster.
FOREST GROVE—Smith Hagaman, E. R. Eggers, J. M. Johnson.
GAP CREEK—Jerry Watson, John W. Church.
HOWARD'S CREEK—B. F. Hodges, E. J. Norris, M. W. Storie.
LAUREL SPRINGS—Elijah Phillips, Samuel C. Green, J. J. Brown.
LITTLE ZION—Not represented.
MEAT CAMP—C. R. Norris, L. A. Green.
MOUNT CALVARY—J. C. Chaple, B. F. Patterson.
MOUNT GILEAD—Hugh Jones.
MOUNT LEBANON—Not represented.
PLEASANT GROVE—John H. Mast, Enoch Perry.
PLEASANT VALLEY (N. C.)—William Hampton.
PLEASANT VALLEY (Tenn.)—Not represented.
SAMPSON—S. E. Harrison, W. N. Storie.
THREE FORKS—L. N. Perkins, C. J. Cotrell
ZIONVILLE—W. B. Davenport, A. J. Greer, G. C. Greer.
ZION HILL—E. G. Harman, J. C. Harman, D. W. Hagaman.

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SMITH HAGAMAN, Clerk ..... Sweet Water, N. C.
T. P. ADAMS, Treasurer ..... Yerger, N. C.
A. ROTEN, Colporteur ..... Zionville, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

ASA BROWN ..... Riverside, N. C.
JAMES BRADSHAW ..... Penley, N. C.
NEAL CAMPBELL ..... Grigsby, N. C.
S. T. CARROLL ..... Virgil, N. C.
W. M. CANNON ..... Dark Ridge, N. C.
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WILLIE FOSTER .....
JAMES ROBINSON ..... Reese, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

BRUSHY FORK CHURCH, August 24, 1897.

The Three Forks Baptist Association met this day, in its Fifty-seventh Annual Session, with the Brushy Fork Baptist Church, at 11 o'clock A. M.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. J. H. Farthing: Text—2d Cor., 4th chapter, 10th verse:

"Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body."

After the sermon, adjourned for one hour.

Reassembled at one o'clock P. M.

The congregation engaged in singing "We're Going Home By and By."

Bro. David Greene led in prayer, invoking Divine guidance during the deliberations of the Association.

W. S. Farthing, Moderator for last year, called the Association to order.

Letters from the different churches were presented.

Smith Hagaman and J. F. Davis were appointed Reading Clerks, by whom the letters were read.

The terms of the present officers having expired, the Association proceeded to ballot for Moderator and Clerk for the present session.

John E. Ray and J. C. Caddell were requested to act as tellers, by whom the ballots were collected and compared, which resulted in the election of W. S. Farthing, Moderator, and Smith Hagaman, Clerk.

Lewis W. Farthing moved that an opportunity be given at this juncture for newly constituted churches, or churches from other Associations, to unite with this.

Union Church, by her delegates, presented a Letter of Dismission from Stony Fork Association, and was received upon the same.

The Moderator extended the hand of fellowship to her delegates.

D. C. Harmon moved to extend an invitation to visiting ministers, corresponding messengers from sister Associations and persons representing Baptist enterprise to seats in the Association.

The following announced themselves:

John E. White, Corresponding Secretary Baptist State Convention; J. C. Caddell, representing *Biblical Recorder;* John E. Ray, of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, of Raleigh, N. C.; Rev. J. R. Brown, from New River Association; J. M. Hodges, Correspondent from Stony Fork Association; John Snyder, visitor from Watauga Association; Rev. I. C. Miller, visitor from Stony Fork Association; Rev. H. Colbert (col.), from Mt. Calvary Association, Georgia.

D. C Harmon moved to authorize the Chair to appoint the usual committees. The following were announced:

COMMITTEE ON BAPTIST ORPHANGE.—David Greene, John E. Ray.
" " TEMPERANCE.—L. C. Wilson, J. I. Wilson.
" " PASTORAL SUPPORT.—D. C. Harmon, G. P. Sherrill.
" " EDUCATION.—E. F. Jones, T. P. Adams.
" " PERIODICALS.—J. F. Eller, J. C. Caddell.
" " FOREIGN MISSIONS.—J. F. Davis, E. J. Norris.
" " STATE MISSIONS.—J. M. Harmon, John E. White.
" " SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—J. H. Farthing, A. Roten.
" " HOME MISSIONS.—J. J. L. Sherwood, J. G. Pulliam, J. J. Glenn.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.—C. S. Farthing, I. W. Walker.
" " DIGEST OF LETTERS.—W. E. Elrod, J. M. Payne.
" " RESOLUTIONS.—J. J. T. Reese, John H. Mast.
" " FINANCE.—W. C. Coffey, W. L. Bryan.
" " RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.—Pastor J. F. Davis and Delegates of Brushy Fork Church.
" " ARRANGEMENTS.—John Norris, George Trivett, Lewis W. Farthing, with Moderator and Clerk.

J. C. Caddell asked that a committee be appointed on Ministers' Relief, and that the Association aid in the work.

A motion prevailed to appoint said committee.

John E. Ray, E. F. Jones and others made remarks heartily favoring the action.

E. F. Jones, Joseph Hayes, Committee.

Lewis W. Farthing moved to hear the report on Periodicals. J. C. Caddell read the following

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

In no age of the world, perhaps, has the printing press wielded such a mighty influence as it is doing to-day.

Periodicals of all kinds are scattered like autumn leaves all over the land. We cannot be too careful as to the kind of literature that finds its way into our homes.

We can heartily recommend the following periodicals:

The *Biblical Recorder*, whose bugle call to duty has been heard for more than half a century, as it has led the Baptist hosts of North Carolina, should find its way into every Baptist home in the State.

Never in its history did it do more valiant services than it is doing now. The vigor and sprightliness of its young editor, coupled with a conservation beyond his years, eminently qualify him for the responsible position he holds.

It is through *Charity and Children* that we can be informed about the Orphanage work. We cordially recommend it as a means of bringing our people in closer touch with the Orphange.

The *North Carolina Baptist* is in the field, aiding in the work of building up our Baptist Zion.

The *Foreign Mission Journal* will be found helpful in keeping the Mission work before our people.

The Sunday School periodicals of the Southern Baptist Convention are worthy of our patronage.

We also recommend *Missionary Helper*.

J. F. ELLER,
J. C. CADDELL,
Committee.

J. J. L. Sherwood moved to amend the report by inserting the name of the *Southern Baptist*.

J. C. Caddell spoke to the report at some length, and, especially in behalf of the *Biblical Recorder*.

John E. Ray followed with a warning against immoral literature, urging parents to closely watch the literature falling into the hands of their children.

On motion, above report, with amendment, adopted.

John E. White announced that he had present Minutes of Southern Baptist Convention, State Convention, and other literature for free distribution.

Committee on Religious Exercises report: I. C. Miller to preach at the church to-night; John E. White to-morrow, at 11 o'clock A. M.

On motion, adjourned till to-morrow, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Pastor J. F. Davis announced homes of entertainment for delegates and visitors during the session.

Solomon Younce led in a closing prayer. D. C. Harmon pronounced the benediction.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Wednesday Morning, August 25, 1897.

W. Swift led the congregation in singing, "I'm Thinking of a Brighter Home."

By request, John E. Ray conducted opening exercises by reading 15th chapter of John, commenting on the same at length, after which the Association was led in prayer by Bro. Ray.

Minutes of yesterday read and corrected.

An opportunity was given for correspondents and visiting ministers to announce themselves. The following announced themselves, and accepted seats in the Association: Joseph Love, Minister, from Watauga Association; Archibald Johnson, representing Baptist Orphanage; I. W. Thomas, from Caldwell County Association; E. M. Gragg, Minister, from Stony Fork Association; T. C. Woodruff, from Stony Fork Association; G. W. Trivett, from Stony Fork Association.

Lewis W. Farthing read the report on

ORDER OF BUSINESS

as follows:

We, the Committee on Order of Business, respectfully submit the following:

1. Call the roll of delegates and mark absentees.
2. Call on Committee on Field and Support of Associational Missionary to report, and appoint committee for next year.
3. Report of Associational Missionary.
4. Appoint Associational Missionary.
5. Report of Committee on Education.
6. Report of Committee on State Missions.
7. Report of Committee on Home Missions.
8. Report of Committee on Ministerial Relief.
9. Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.
10. Report of Colporteur.
11. Appoint Colporteur.
12. Report of Committee on Finance.
13. Report of Committee on Temperance.
14. Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.
15. Report of Committee on Orphanage.
16. Report of Committee on Pastoral Support.
17. Report of Committee on Digest of Letters.
18. Report of Corresponding Messengers appointed last year to visit sister Associations.
19. Report of Committee on Correspondents.
20. Report of Treasurer.
21. Appoint Treasurer.
22. Consider request of Big Laurel Church.
23. Appoint time, place and preacher for next session.
24. Appoint some one to superintend the printing of Minutes.
25. Report of Committee on Resolutions.
26. Miscellaneous Business.

Respectfully submitted,

John Norris,
Lewis W. Farthing,
Committee.

On motion, above report adopted.
Roll of delegates called and absentees marked.
Wm. Elrod offered the following

REPORT ON FIELD AND SUPPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY.

We, your Committee on Associational Missions, submit the following report:

We met, organized and assigned Clark's Creek, Dutch Creek and Head of Banners Elk the field of labor.

We met during the year and apportioned to each church the amount that we thought they ought to raise for Bro. C. S. Farthing.

We have visited most of the churches, and churches that we have not visited we asked pastors of said churches, or active brethren, to look after the contributions for the aforesaid object.

WM. ELROD,
T. P ADAMS,
W. C. COFFEY,
G. P. SHERRILL,
L. N. PERINS,
Committee:

Above report approved.
C. S. Farthing offered

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY

as follows:

The following is a statement of work done and amount received for same on the field assigned me by the Committee on Associational Missions of last year:

Number of miles traveled		330
Sermons preached		27
Prayer services held		8
Sunday Schools organized and furished with Literature		2
Received of L. W. Farthing	$ 1	50
" Luther Banner		50
" Bethel Church	1	50
" T. P. Adams for Laurel Springs Church	1	15
" G. P. Sherrill for Beaver Dam Church	1	42
" Mrs. Byrd		50
" Meat Camp Church	1	50
" R. H. Farthing	1	00
" W. C. Coffey for Brushy Fork Church	3	30
" Howard's Creek Church	1	00
" W. C. Coffey for Boone Church	1	21
" Pleasant Grove Church		25
" Wm. Elrod for Sampson Church		25
" Mount Gilead Church		45
" Forest Grove Church		30
Total	$15	83

Respectfully,
C. S. FARTHING,
Missionary.

On motion, above report adopted.

D. C. Harmon moved that the Chair announce a committee to appoint an Associational Missionary, select field of labor, etc., for next year.

The Chair announced Committee of last year, viz., W. C. Coffey, G. P. Sherrill, T. P. Adams, Wm. Elrod and L. N. Perkins.

E. F. Jones read the following

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education wish to submit the following:

The Baptist people of the Three Forks Association should take a deeper interest in the education of the children of our country.

1st. By lengthening the terms of the public schools by subscription. We think there should be at least a four months' school in every district.

2d. If practical, this session of the Association should have a school of high grade located in some central part of the county, where a good, practical education could be obtained at a low cost.

3d. By patronizing Wake Forest by all who desire a higher education for our boys and young men; Prof. Hatton's School at Hickory, N. C., or Oxford Female College, or some other good school for the higher education of our daughters.

E. F. JONES,
T. P. ADAMS,
Committee.

Bro. Jones discussed the subject at some length, especially in behalf of our free schools, urging the people to extend them by private subscription.

John E. White followed in behalf of Chistian higher education against secular education, showing the tendency of the latter to be away from the Bible.

On motion, Report on Education adopted.

By unanimous consent, the Chair added the name of J. J. L. Sherwood to the Committee on Home Missions.

John E. White read the following

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

After our Lord had risen from the dead, in that solemn hour of His last words to His Disciples, Christ said: "After that the Holy Ghost is come upon you. Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." That He thus singled out his own city and country, must always be to us a Divine commandment to do the work of State Missions. This work the Baptists have pressed vigorously in North Carolina ever since the Baptist State Convention was organized in 1830. In no small degree the growth and progress we have made as a people since that time is to be attributed to the fidelity we have shown in this work.

From 1870 to 1880 the number of white Baptists in North Carolina increased from forty thousand to seventy-five thousand.

From 1880 to 1890 we doubled our church membership—going from 75,000 to 153,000 in 1890. During this time twenty-one new Associations were organized, made necessary mainly through enlargements from our State Mission work. In this time our State Missionaries supplied over three thousand destitute places with Gospel preaching, and organized on mission fields five hundred churches. That good work, so richly blessed of God, is still going on.

As rapidly as the churches on whom the great responsibility rests make it possible, our Board of Missions and Sunday Schools are occupying destitute places with men called of God to preach the Gospel.

We have at the present time eighty-nine missionaries employed for all or a part of their time in this work. This force is not all sufficient to care for the destitution which confronts us. It is a startling fact that, in spite of the progress we have made and the growth of Christian sentiment generally, there are more unsaved men and women in North Carolina to-day than ever before in the State's history.

According to the United States census for 1890, over one million people in our State are out of Christ. Thousands upon thousands of these are without any Gospel advantages. Under God, the responsibility for lost souls in North Carolina will rest more heavily on Baptists than on any other denomination. Have the Baptist churches in the Three Forks Association no responsibility? With over twenty-five hundred members, are they at all doing their duty when all of the thirty-two churches together give to this work less than twenty-five dollars a year? Will we not in the coming year do more than this? Will not each of our pastors—God's under-shepherds—in the love of Christ and souls and in the fear of God—put this work before their churches this coming year as never before?

J. M. HARMON,
JOHN E. WHITE,
Committee.

The time having arrived for preaching, they arose and sang: "Jesus Lover of My Soul." John E. White led in prayer, after which he announced as his text: "And ye shall be witnesses of me, both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth," (Acts i: 8), dwelling largely upon the importance of giving the gospel to our own people of the State.

At the close of the sermon, a collection was taken for the benefit of State Missions, which amounted to $12.25.

The following churches, through their delegates and individuals, agree to try to raise for State Missions during the next year the amount indicated, respectively:

Antioch	$1 00	Gap Creek	$2 50	J. M. Isaacs	$1 00
Bethel	5 00	Howard's Creek	50	South Fork	2 00
Boone	5 00	R. W. Walker	1 00	Shull's Mills	50
Cove Creek	5 00	Mount Calvary	1 00	Zion Hill	1 00
Fall Creek	1 00	Mount Gilead	1 00	Three Forks	2 50
Flat Top	3 00				

Report on State Missions adopted.

Committee on Religious Exercises report: David Greene, to preach at the stand, in the grove, at one o'clock P. M.

On motion, adjourned to one o'clock P. M.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Association reassembled to the singing of "To the Promised Home in Glory," etc.

Prayer by J. R. Brown, of New River Association.

Lewis W. Farthing moved to change the order of business so as to hear Report on Baptist Orphanage next after Report on Home Missions.

A motion prevailed that the order of business be suspended, to hear a resolution by J. J. L. Sherwood. The following is the

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, Dr. W. H. Whitsett, President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has set himself in array with the Baptists on Immersion as the time honored Baptist faith, held from John the Baptist down the centuries to the present time, and did write several articles, which were published in a pedo-Baptist paper, claiming that the Baptists did sprinkle for baptism until 1641—Be it

Resolved. That we, as an Association, do hereby denounce the same

as false and very injurious to the cause of truth; and we do hereby declare that we will not help the Seminary while he holds his present office.

Resolved, That we do ask the Trustees of the Seminary to remove him as President.

After a discussion of the above by C. S. Farthing. J. J. L. Sherwood, J. F. Davis and others, on motion, adopted.

John E. Ray offered the following

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The work of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention sustains the same relation to the destitution in the Southern States that State Missions do to North Carolina and Associational Missions to the work in our own Association.

Much destitution exists within this territory. If we wish to perpetuate the purity of the Gospel, as we believe it, it behooves us to send the Gospel to these sections and build up the bulwarks of salvation so strong as to withstand the inroads of superstition and infidelity which threaten our Southland.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. L. Sherwood,
J. G. Pulliam,
J. J. Glenn,
Committee.

John E. Ray, by request, spoke to the report, especially of the destitution in the Southwestern States.

John E. White called roll of churches, and asked that the delegates from the same indicate an amount they are willing to try to raise for Home Missions during next year. The following designated:

Bethel	$5 00	Fall Creek	$1 00	E. J. Norris	$ 25
Beaver Dam	5 00	Flat Top	2 00	Mount Calvary	1 00
Brushy Fork	1 00	Gap Creek	1 00	Zion Hill	50
Cove Creek	2 00				

Report on Home Missions adopted.

Archibald Johnson read the following

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

At no time in the history of the Orphanage has its needs been greater than at the present time. The number of children is greater than ever before, there being more than one hundred and sixty there at the impresent time. In addition to the enlarged expense of running the institution, there still hangs a debt of more than seven hundred dollars on the central building, which must be met by October 1st. The contributions to the Orphanage since July 1st have been less than for the same period last year, and the Treasurer finds himself unable to meet even the current expenses. In view of these, facts we desire to impress upon our churches the necessity for greater contributions than ever and the vital importance of distributing these contributions through the year, so that the strain of the coming months may be relieved.

We would again commend to the brethren the importance of this blessed work, not only for the sake of the children under the care of the Orphanage, but especially because of its uplifting influence upon our individual Christian lives, and most especially because it is the plain and emphatic command of the Master, which we dare not disregard.

John E. Ray,
David Greene,
Committee.

Bro. Johnson proceeded to give some of the workings of the different Orphanages, making an especial appeal for the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville.

J. C. Caddell spoke concerning *Charity and Children*, the Orphanage paper.

T. P. Adams moved to take a cash collection for the benefit of the Orphanage. Amount received $6.05.

On motion, Report on Orphanage was adopted

J. J. L. Sherwood moved to elect, by acclamation, W. S. Farthing as our representative on the State Board of Missions and Sunday Schools. E. F. Jones read the following

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

This Board began its work under the auspices of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, May 3, 1890. It has partially supported twenty-four of our old preachers and their families (fifty-eight, including all.)

These have come from fifteen of our Associations. To these it has appropriated $2,415, and has invested about $1,250 in safe hands, well secured, the interest alone of which is appropriated to the beneficiaries and their families.

We have eleven beneficiaries now on the Board. There are now two applicants awaiting reception. The Board expended during the past year, $583.33, leaving a balance in the treasury of $158.06.

Many are the letters of appreciation sent us by the beneficiaries for the small amounts sent them by the Board.

We would be glad to send them more if we could, and help them further if the brethren would give us the means.

Brethren of the Association, pray for the Board; pray for the old preachers, and then pray for giving grace for yourselves and the work.

E. F. Jones,
Joseph Hayes,
Committee.

J. C. Caddell, by request, presented the work of the Board of Ministerial Relief, assuring the people that every cent of money contributed to this work is used for said purpose—not a cent for expenses.

Roll of churches was called, and the following amount, respectively, was agreed to try to be raised for Ministerial Relief during next year:

Antioch	$1 00	Brushy Fork	$1 00	South Fork	$1 00
Bethel	1 00	Howard's Creek	50	Zionville	1 00
Beaver Dam	1 00	Meat Camp	1 00	Flat Top	1 00
Boone	1 00				

Above report adopted.

The Order of Business was suspended to hear the

REPORT ON FINANCE

as follows:

For State Missions	$ 4 90
" Home Missions	1 00
" Foreign Missions	5 65
" Orphanage	4 60
" Minute Fund	27 79
Total	$43 94

W. C. Coffey,
W. L. Bryan,
Committee.

Report adopted.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported:

I. W. Thomas to preach at the church to-night: E. F. Jones, to-morrow, at 11 o'clock A. M.; John E. White, at Boone to-night.

A. Roten read the following

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We are happy to say that the Sunday School work is on the increase There is a good work going on, and yet there remains a great deal to be done.

We do not believe there is more than one-third of the children in the bounds of our Association that are regularly in the Sunday School work. This ought not to be. as the Sunday School is such a sure way to reach the children.

We would recommend that the Sunday School workers make a strong effort to enlist all the children in the great work.

Respectfully submitted, J. H. FARTHING.
A. ROTEN,
Committee.

John E. White requested the Sunday Schools to order their Sunday School literature through the Baptist Book Store at Raleigh, N. C., owing to the fact that twenty per cent. on all orders, is saved to State Missions thereby, without any extra cost of literature.

John E. Ray, by request, made some remarks. urging older members of the church to more active work in Sunday Schools: then the children may be expected to follow.

J. H. Farthing and A. Roten made remarks.

On motion, above report adopted.

D. C. Harmon moved to adjourn until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

I. W. Thomas led in a prayer, invoking Divine blessing on the different objects of the Associational work.

The Association arose and sang: "Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow." Benediction by John Norris.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, August 26, 1897.

A song "Harks! the Voice of Jesus," etc. The Moderator in the chair. Prayer by J. M. Payne.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Colporteur for last year submitted the following report:

Received from former Colporteur:		
Cash		$38 86
Books		21 32
Total		$60 18
Books on hand	$20 07	
Cash on hand	40 11	
Total	$60 18	
Amount of books bought		$ 7 81
Amount of books sold		8 07

A. ROTEN, *Colporteur.*

Above report adopted.

D. C. Harmon moved that A. Roten be continued as Colporteur for next year, and be instructed to sell books on hand at present prices, subject to wear of said books.

L. C. Wilson read the following

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

One hath well said that "intemperance is the grievous sin of our country." It is a growing evil which infests many of the homes of our people and destroys that peace and happiness which home alone can give.

It is destroying the vitals of our free institutions and undermining the very foundation of our free government.

Tongue cannot tell of the woe and misery that intemperance brings to the human family. Hence, for this cause

"Hell hath enlarged herself."

In view of these facts, your committee would insist upon our people to *do* more for the cause of temperance in the future than we have in the past, that the State and Nation may be saved; that our homes may be saved; that our boys may be saved from drunkards' graves and the drunkards' hell.

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. WILSON,
J. I. WILSON,
Committee.

L. C. Wilson proceeded to discuss the subject of Temperance at length. A Roten, Solomon Younce, David Greene, J. B. Hopkins and others followed. Report adopted.

J. F. Davis read the following

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The marching orders of our Master are: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." These last words of our Saviour spoken to His disciples, and through them to us, come down through the centuries with all the force and freshness of their sacred Author, and bind us to the cause of taking the glad news of salvation to the lost millions of earth No department of our work has received greater evidence of Divine favor, in proportion to the efforts put forth. In less than one hundred years the nations of the earth have been thrown open to our missionaries, and now as never before in the history of the world the cry, "come over and help us," is heard from almost every land, and seven hundred millions of souls are accessible to them. Will we hear the call? Shall we give them the bread and life? Jesus says, "Go ye." God help us to obey!

J. F. DAVIS,
E. J. NORRIS,
Committee.

Bro. Davis spoke to the report—first, as a duty to God; second, as a duty to man. I. W. Thomas followed, showing that churches, as a rule, that give most to the Lord's cause receive the greater blessings from the Lord.

On motion, above report adopted.

I. W. Thomas called roll of churches, and received pledges for Foreign Missions, as follows:

Antioch	$ 2 00	Cool Springs	$1 00	David Greene	$1 00
Bethel	5 00	Fall Creek	1 00	Mount Calvary	2 00
Beaver Dam	10 00	Flat Top	2 00	Zionsville	5 00
Boone	2 00	Howard's Creek	1 00	Zion Hill	1 00
Cove Creek	5 00	Laurel Springs	1 00		

D. C. Harmon moved to adjourn until one o'clock P. M., to hear a sermon from E. F. Jones. A large congregation assembled in the grove, After singing and prayer, Bro. Jones announced as his subject: "The preacher and his preaching." Text, 2d Timothy iv: 1, 2.

THRD DAY—Evening Session.

The Association reassembled at the singing of "Jesus Lover of my Soul." Prayer by R. L. Palmer.

On motion, the

REPORT ON DIGEST OF LETTERS

was submitted, as follows:

Received by Baptism	134	
Received by Letter	77	
Restored	33	
Dismissed by Letter	81	
Excluded	62	
Deaths	24	
Membership Males		939
Membership Females		1,313
Total		2,252

There appears to be a loss of membership of 243, as reported by the churches. A part of this loss occurs by the Three Forks Church not being represented; also, by Little Zion (col.) and Elk Knob not being represented.

Wm. Hlrod,
J. M. Payne,
Committee.

On motion, above report adopted.

D. C. Harmon offered the following

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

It appears from the reading of the letters that the churches have not advanced, but have rather gone backward on the question of pastoral support.

There is nothing more plainly taught in God's work than that the churches are to give to this object, "as the Lord has prospered them," and that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

And we think that no church can withhold its means from the support of their pastor without disobeying God and sinning against heaven.

We are satisfied the churches would like instructive pastors, and it is equally clear that such they cannot have, except they so support them that they can study God's word, and give themselves wholly to the work. Brethren, the day of "isms" is upon us. They are all around and among us.

Their defenders are educated and given time by their people to study, in order to propagate them.

They are assailing the doctrines we all love so well. Shall we enable our pastors to so give themselves to study that they may successfully meet these assailants, and save our children from their grasp? But, brethren, financial support is not all of our pastors' needs—they need to be supported by our sympathy and prayers. And we wish to say to the

pastors, that it is their duty to declare the whole counsel of God, and to teach the churches their duty along this line.

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. HARMON,
G. P. SHERRILL,
Committee.

D. C. Harmon spoke to the report, expressing regret that our pastors are so poorly supported, and further urging the churches to be careful to follow the teaching of the Bible in this particular.

E. F. Jones followed, showing from the Bible that the Lord, on purpose, usually calls the poor to preach the Gospel, hence a support is necessary. Remarks by I. C. Miller, of Stony Fork Association, and I. W. Thomas, of Caldwell County Association.

On motion, above report adopted.

Correspondents appointed at last Association to visit sister Associations, reported:

J. H. Farthing attended Mitchell County Association.
John F. Eller attended Ashe and Alleghany Association.
J. J. L. Sherwood attended Watauga Association.
E. J. Norris attended Mitchell County Association.
C. S. Farthing attended Stony Fork Association.
On motion, received as satisfactory.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE

reported, as follows:

To Ashe and Alleghany Association: J. H. Farthing, J. F. Eller and Asa Brown.

To Brushy Mountain: J M. Payne, Wm. Elrod and John Norris.

To New River Association: L. W. Farthing, J. H. Farthing and J. F. Eller.

To Caldwell County Association: David Greene, J. M. Payne and Wm. Knight.

To Stony Fork Association: Wm. Elrod, J. F. Eller and Asa Brown.

To Watauga Association: J. J. T. Reese, James Robinson, J. J. L. Sherwood, W. S. Farthing, D. C Harmon and John Norris.

To Mitchell County Association: I. J. McGinnis, L. C. Wilson and W. M. Cannon.

To Southern Baptist Convention: W. C. Coffey and J. J. T. Reese.

To State Convention: W. C. Coffey, W. S. Farthing and J. J. T. Reese.

C. S. FARTHING,
R. W. WALKER,
Committee.

On motion, above report adopted.

T. P. Adams submited his

REPORT AS TREASURER

of the Association, as follows:

Moneys received during the year:

Minute money at last Association	$ 31 42
Gospel mission money at last Association	52 76
Baptist Orphanage	4 49
Gospel mission money on hand from last year	7 34
African mission money from Bro. David Greene	5 00
Gospel mission money, Forest Grove Church, for —— Blalock	4 33
Forest Grove Church to W. E. Davis', Indian Territory,	1 52

Associational mission money from Laurel Spring Church to C. S. Farthing	1 15
Pleasant Grove Church for the same	25
Gospel mission money, Cove Creek Church	4 43
Total amount of money received	$112 69

Money paid out as Treasurer:

Paid to Clerk of last Association for services	$ 7 50
" Edwards & Broughton	22 00
" express and postage on the same	1 55
" R. L. Patton for Blalock, China	62 76
" to Blalock, Washington	6 13
" postage on the same	22
" to the Orphanage	4 40
" postage on the same	02
" W. E. Davis, Indian Territory	1 42
" for registering the same	10
" C. S. Farthing, Associational Missionary	1 40
" to African missions	5 00
Total amount of money paid out	$112 52
Leaving in the hands of Treasurer	17

Respectfully submitted,

T. P. ADAMS,
Treasurer.

On motion, report adopted.

J. F. Davis moved that T. P. Adams be continued as Treasurer of the Association for next year.

J. J. L. Sherwood moved that request of Big Laurel Church for a letter of dismission be granted.

D. C. Harmon moved that next session of this Association be held with Cool Spring Church, on Tuesday after fourth Sunday in August, 1898, David Greene to preach Introductory Sermon; L. C. Wilson, alternate

D. C. Harmon moved that the Clerk of this Association be appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of Minutes, and that he be allowed $7.50 for services.

J. J. T. Reese offered the following

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we discourage, and insist upon the brethren and friends to assist in discouraging, the great traffic and trade of different articles which are vended at our Association for the purpose of making money.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of this church and community for the kind and hospitable way in which they have entertained this session of the Association.

J. J. T. REESE,
JOHN H. MAST,
Committee.

Report on Resolutions adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FIELD AND SUPPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY

submit the following report to the Three Forks Association:

We, the undersigned Committee on Associational Missions, have appointed Rev. C. S. Farthing, as Missionary, to work in the bounds of

the Three Forks Association, particularly on Dutch and Clark creeks, also on head-waters of Yadkin-Elk.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. COFFEY,
T. P. ADAMS,
WM. ELROD,
G. P. SHERRILL,
Committee.

Above report adopted.

By unanimous consent, C. S. Farthing made remarks concerning his work as Associational Missionary.

A motion prevailed to adjourn.

By request, J. F. Eller conducted closing exercises.

D. C. Harmon led in prayer.

E. F. Jones led the congregation in singing, "How Firm a Foundation."

The delegates extended to each other the parting hand.

Benediction by J. H. Farthing.

W. S. FARTHING, *Moderator.*

SMITH HAGAMAN, *Clerk.*

Churches,	Pastors.	Clerks and Post-offices.	Ordained Ministers.	Added. Baptism.	Added. Letter.	Added. Restor'd	Lost. Letter.	Lost. Exclu'd	Lost. Deaths.	Memb'rship Males.	Memb'rship Females	Memb'rship Totals.	Licentiates.	Time of preaching Saturday and Sund'y before
Antioch	J. H. Farthing	John Ward, Watauga Falls		8	1	1	1	2	1	63	67	130		First.
Bethel	J. H. Farthing	W. S. Farthing, Hattie	4		3	1	2	1	2	61	87	148		Fourth.
Beaver Dam	J. F. Eller	J. J. T. Reese, Reese	1	1	4	3	2	1	1	39	66	105		Second.
*Bethany		W. J. Farthing, Watauga Falls.								2	9	11		Third.
Beech Mountain	R. L. Palmer	L. W. McGuire, Dark Ridge	3	9	5	7		4		54	80	134	1	First.
Big Laurel	J. R. Brown	Hugh Hagaman, Grigsby	2	4	5	1	1			11	11	22		Fourth.
Boone	J. F. Davis	W. L. Bryan, Boone										13		Fourth.
Brushy Fork	J. F. Davis	J. H. Presnell, Vilas	3	9	3		4	3	2			177	3	First.
Cove Creek	J. J. L. Sherwood	J. J. Mast, Vilas	2			1	6	4	2	51	77	128	1	Third.
Cool Spring	J. M. Payne	J. C. Hartley, Blowing Rock	2	6	3		4	4	2	36	43	79		Fourth.
*Elk Knob		J. M. South, Southerland								31	35	66	2	First.
Elk Valley	I. J. McGinnis	A. M. Johnson, Hale		1	3		4	4	1	18	38	56		Fourth.
Fall Creek	John Norris	G. W. Brown, Dark Ridge		3		1	6		1	10	16	26		Second.
Forest Grove	J. F. Eller	Smith Hagaman, Sweet Water	2	3	2	1	1	4		31	43	74		Third.
Flat Top	J. F. Davis	J. A. Edmiston, Blowing Rock		1	1		2	1		18	66	84	1	Second.
Gap Creek	Asa Brown	J. B. Hopkins, Gap Creek					1			28	38	66		First.
Howard's Creek	J. H. Farthing	E. J. Norris, Sands			4		3	1		21	37	58		Third.
Laurel Springs	L. A. Wilson	J. J. Brown, Virgil	3	9	3		2		2	68	97	165		Fourth.
*Little Zion		J. W. Moore, Sweet Water	1							10	21	31		First.
Meat Camp	L. A. Wilson	L. A. Greene, Norris	1	2			3	2		41	86	127		Fourth.
Mount Calvary	L. C. Wilson	B. F. Patterson, Banner Elk		1	9		1	2		14	21	35		Third.
Mount Gilead	G. W. Trivett	J. W. Meadows, Norris, Tenn	1	2	4	2	6	2	1	45	41	86		Third.
Mount Lebanon	G. W. Trivett	Noah Isaacs, Vilas		7	2		2	1		17	22	39		First.
Pleasant Grove	David Greene	Alexander Hagaman, Yerger		4	5	1	1	2		46	64	110		Fourth.
Pleasant Valley, N. C.	W. J. Potter	H. N. Oaks, Shell Creek, Tenn	1	10	1	1		11		19	36	55		Fourth.
Pleasant Valley, Tenn	W. H. Glenn	John F. Reese, Dowell, Tenn								3	16	19		Third.
South Fork	David Greene	J. S. Stanberry, Todd	1	2	3		4	3	1	37	63	100		Second.
Shull's Mills	J. M. Payne	J. C. Shull, Shull's Mills			1	1						17		Third.
Sampson	W. F. Knight	S. E. Harrison, Penley	1	10	1	2	2	3	1	32	39	71		First.
*Three Forks		J. C. Brown, Sands								70	95	165		Second.
Union	C. S. Farthing	H. C. Johnson, Mabel			1	1	9	4	2			137	1	First.
Zionville	Solomon Younce	P. C. Younce, Mabel		16	3	2	9	1	1	68	89	157		Fourth.
Zion Hill	R. L. Palmer	D. W. Hagaman, Harmon	2	13	3	7	3	2		36	44	80		Second.
			30	121	77	33	79	62	20	960	1457	2771	9	

*Statistics of last year—not represented.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

Churches.	Minute Fund.	State Missions.	Gospel and Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Association'l Missions.	Baptist Orphanage.	Incidental Expenses.	Buildings and Repairs.	Paid Pastors.	Other Objects.	Poor.	Grand Total.
Antioch	$ 1 50	$	$ 1 14	$	$	$	$	6	$ 30 00	$	$	$ 32 64
Bethel	2 25	3 00	8 15	6 35	1 50	9 60	6 20		55 11	2 75	3 60	98 51
Beaver Dam	60	3 00	25 88	11 02	1 42	9 72			45 00		1 00	97 64
Beech Mountain	1 25								9 45			10 70
Big Laurel	75								7 55			8 30
Boone	50	6 90	1 00		1 21	6 00			50 00	16 00		81 71
Brushy Fork	1 20		5 11		3 30	2 00						11 61
Cove Creek	80		5 00	2 50		1 00			59 00	8 00		76 30
Cool Spring	1 00								18 08			19 08
Elk Valley	1 25					1 05						2 30
Fall Creek	75								12 25	3 00		16 00
Forest Grove	1 21	1 00	5 85		30				32 00	8 00	3 00	51 36
Flat Top	1 25	2 00							50 00			53 25
Gap Creek	1 00			1 00					15 00			17 00
Howard's Creek	1 00				1 00				17 22			19 22
Laurel Springs	1 25	7 10			1 15				28 56			38 06
Meat Camp	1 25	1 00			1 50				25 00		1 05	29 80
Mount Calvary	1 00			1 00					35 00			37 00
Mount Gilead	90								14 75	6 50		22 15
Mount Lebanon	50						50	175 00	5 25	79		182 04
Pleasant Grove	83	1 15		2 71		55			17 00			22 24
Pleasant Valley, N. C.	50							56 00	7 50			64 00
Pleasant Valley, Tenn.	25								28 00			25
South Fork	95	2 00							28 00			30 95
Shull's Mills	50											50
Sampson	75							15 00				15 75
Union	60					1 00						1 60
Zionville	90		5 00						60 00		10 75	76 65
Zion Hill	1 25											1 25
	$27 74	$27 15	$57 13	$24 58	$11 38	$30 92	$ 6 70	$ 246 00	$649 72	$45 02	$19 40	$1116 86

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE.

Churches.	Superintendents and Post-offices.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. Scholars.	Sunday School Expenses.	No. Quarterlies and Papers.	Contributions to Orphanage.	No. Volumes in Library.
Antioch	John Ward, Watauga Falls	6	30	$		$	
Bethel	H. H. and L. W. Farthing, Hattie and Sweet Wa-	17	135	12 13	117	19 83	130
Beaver Dam	W. Swift, Reese [ter	4	54				43
Cove Creek	Enoch Swift, Amantha	8	54	6 34			
Elk Valley	J. H. Gwyn	6	40	2 15	40		
Fall Creek	G. W. Brown, Dark Ridge	5	20	80			
Forest Grove	J. G. Hagaman, Sweet Water	7	65	2 50	45		
Gap Creek	J. B. Hopkins, Gap Creek	7	64				
Howard's Creek	J. W. McGhee, Sands	5	36	75			
Laurel Spring	Elza Phillips, Riverside	6	100	4 90	109		
Meat Camp	L. A. Greene, Smith Proffit and Manly Greene	15	135				
Mount Calvary			40				
Mount Gilead	George Phillips, Beech Creek	6	54		58		
Mount Lebanon	J. D. Bryan, Valley Crucis	6	20				
Pleasant Grove			30				
Pleasant Valley, N. C.	W. J. Potter, Elk Park	5	86	1 65	40		
South Fork	W. N. Howell, Sherman Brown	10	100				
Sampson	S. E. Harrison	5	43				
		128	1,076	$31 23	409	$19 83	173

Note.—A number of the churches do not report their Sunday Schools. Please report your Sunday Schools, with full statistics, as the Sunday School Convention does not publish any statistics. Clerk.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

ANTIOCH—L. W. Farthing, J. B. Phillips, W, H. Glenn.
BETHEL—Lewis W. Farthing, H. H. Farthing, W. S. Farthing.
BEAVER DAM—G P. Sherrill, W. Swift, J. J. T. Reese.
BEECH MOUNTAIN—L. W. McGuire, G. W. McGuire, John Church.
BETHANY—Not represented.
BIG LAUREL—John Eggers.
BOONE—W. C. Coffey, W. L. Bryan.
BRUSHY FORK—David Adams, Alphred Hatley, Joseph Hayse.
COVE CREEK—F. M. Holsclaw, W. F. Sherwood, T. P. Adams.
COOL SPRINGS—T. M. Cannon, R. K. Hartley.
ELK KNOB—Not represented.
ELK VALLEY—Thomas Smith, R. F. Marshall.
FALL CREEK—J. R. Gryder.
FLAT TOP—Wm. Elrod, Jeff Brown.
FOREST GROVE—Smith Hagaman, W. H. Eller, E. R. Eggers.
GAP CREEK—J. B. Hopkins, Jerry Watson.
HOWARD'S CREEK—E. J. Norris, Eliza Trivett, R. J. Minton.
LAUREL SPRINGS—R. W. Walker, Elza Phillips, W. R. Moore.
LITTLE ZION—Not represented.
MEAT CAMP—Manly Greene, L. A. Greene, D. C. Byers.
MOUNT CALVARY—J. C. Chappell.
MOUNT LEBANON—J. M. Isaacs, John Cornell, Noah Isaacs.
MOUNT GILEAD—G. W. Younce, John York.
PLEASANT GROVE—Zac. Adams, John H. Mast, C. C. Adams.
PLEASANT VALLEY (N. C.)—Wm. Hampton, Boyd Hicks.
PLEASANT VALLEY (TENN.)—Valentine Reese.
SAMPSON—W. N. Storie, L. E. Harrison, C. C. Bradshaw.
THREE FORKS—Not represented.
UNION—William Eller, Sr., Martin Warren, James Robinson.
ZIONVILLE—A. Roten, W. B. Davenport, George Roten.
ZION HILL—J. A. Harmon, D. W. Hagaman.

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

COOL SPRING BAPTIST CHURCH, WATAUGA CO., N. C.,

AUGUST 30, 31, AND SEPTEMBER 1, 1898.

The next session to be held with Beech Mountain Church, eighteen miles west of Boone, N. C., to begin Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August, 1899. L. C. Wilson to preach the Introductory Sermon.

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J. C. Horton, Historian	Boone, N. C.

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Wm. Wilcoxon	Todd, N. C.
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J. P. Hagaman	Vilas, N. C.
L. W. Farthing	Watauga Falls, N.C.
Willie Foster	Blowing Rock, N. C.
James Robinson	Reese, N. C.
T. J. Tugman	Norris, N. C.
W. L. King	Banner Elk, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

Cool Spring Church, Tuesday, August 30, 1898.

The Three Forks Baptist Association met this day in its Fifty-eighth Annual Session with Cool Spring Baptist church.

At 10.30 o'clock a. m. the congregation assembled at the stand in the grove.

L. C. Wilson led in singing, "Come, thou fount of every blessing," etc. John E. White read the second chapter of Philippians, after which led in prayer.

The congregation united in singing, "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound."

Promptly at 11 o'clock a. m., David Greene, appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, announced as his text 21st verse of first chapter of Philippians, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain"—dwelling upon the importance of living for and like Christ.

By request, the congregation rose and sang, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow."

Benediction by John E. White. Adjourned to 1 o'clock p. m.

At 1 o'clock p. m. the delegates assembled in the house.

L. C. Wilson led in singing, "My hand in Thine, dear Lord." By request of the Moderator, Alexander Wilson led the Association in prayer.

The Moderator called the Association to order for the transaction of business and requested delegates holding letters from their churches to present them.

L. C. Wilson and J. C. Horton were appointed Reading Clerks, by whom the letters were read.

The letter from Bethel church having been mislaid, D. C. Harmon moved to admit delegates of said church without a letter.

The letter from Shull's Mills church being delayed, L. W. Farthing moved to admit its delegates, also, without a letter.

The term of the present officers having expired, the Association proceeded to ballot for Moderator and Clerk.

J. C. Caddell and Archibald Johnson were requested to collect and compare the ballots and report the result.

The present incumbents, W. S. Farthing, Moderator, and Smith Hagaman, were declared to be unanimously reelected.

D. C. Harmon moved to extend an invitation to visiting brethren and correspondents from sister Associations.

John E. White, Corresponding Secretary Baptist State Convention; J. C. Caddell, representing Biblical Recorder; Archibald Johnson, representing Baptist Orphanage, Thomasville, N. C., announced themselves and were welcomed to seats in the Association.

Lewis W. Farthing moved that the Moderator appoint the usual committees.

The following committees were announced:

Baptist Orphanage.—D. C. Harmon and Archibald Johnson.
Temperance.—L. N. Perkins, D. C. Harmon.
Pastoral Support.—George Roten, J. F. Davis.

Education.—J. F. Davis, John E. White.
Periodicals.—David Greene, J. C. Caddell.
Foreign Missions.—J. H. Farthing, T. L. Blalock.
State Missions.—William Elrod, John E. White.
Sunday Schools.—R. W. Walker, W. C. Coffey.
Home Missions.—E. F. Jones, J. F. Eller.
Correspondents.—John Norris, Lewis W. Farthing.
Resolutions.—L. C. Wilson, A. Roten.
Digest of Letters.—J. C. Horton, Lewis W. Farthing
Finance.—C. J. Cottrel, A. Roten.
Ministers' Relief.—L. A. Wilson, J. C. Caddell.
Religious Exercises.—Pastor J. M. Payne and delegates of Cool Spring church.

On motion, Order of Business of last session was adopted for present session.

E. F. Jones moved to hear report on Baptist Orphanage.

Archibald Johnson, of the Committee, read the following

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage has just closed a year of great prosperity. A gracious Providence has cared for the health of the officers and children. Though a severe epidemic of measles has prevailed, only one child died from the disease. One has died from heart disease and one from dropsy.

Since the last session of this body many valuable improvements have been made. The central or school building has been completed, at a cost of more than $5,000. During the past year this has been occupied and found admirably suited to the purpose for which it was erected. By means of this building the Superintendent has been enabled to grade the school properly, and thus to have the children more thoroughly taught. And, too, the congregating of the children into this building for instruction, has opened for sleeping rooms those heretofore used for school rooms. The trustees have thus found themselves in a position to admit a larger number of orphans than the original plan of buildings permitted.

A home for the General Manager—certainly an urgent need— is in process of erection. He and his wife have heretofore been housed in the infirmary, an inconvenient arrangement, especially in case of epidemic disease raging. The Treasurer's report shows that the sum of $586.42 has been contributed for this building, though twelve hundred dollars were subscribed at the last session of the Baptist State Convention.

A new printing press and outfit for Charity and Children have been secured at a cost of nearly $500. A marked improvement in the general make-up—the mechanical part—of the paper has been observed by all. The receipts from the subscriptions and advertising have exceeded the expenses by $450.

The Orphanage owns a farm of over three hundred acres of fairly valuable land. The products of this farm for the last year are estimated to be worth $1,282. The total expenses of making the crop were $649.45, leaving a net profit of $632.55.

The total receipts in money and in kind for the past year reached the magnificent sum of $13,871.05—the largest of any year in the history of our Orphanage. A part of this was used to pay off the debt on the central building, a part, $1,000, was legacy from Dr. R. D. Fleming's estate—and $9,010 was used to clothe, feed and teach one hundred and sixty children—making the average cost per capita

$56. And your Committee begs to assure this body that this sum, wisely used, has been found sufficient to maintain in a very comfortable style the orphan children under the care of this institution.

Your Committee would remind the Association that the Orphanage is dependent entirely for its support upon the voluntary offerings of the Baptist people of North Carolina.

D. C. HARMON,
ARCHIBALD JOHNSON,
Committee.

Lewis W. Farthing moved to adopt the above report, after which Archibald Johnson spoke to the report at some length, using as a basis human sympathy or compassion, emanating Divine compassion—quoting the following beautiful and expressive poem as showing the great province of helping the poor and unfortunate:

A poor wayfaring man of grief,
Has often crossed me on my way,
Who sued so humbly for relief,
That I could never say him nay.
I had no power to ask his name,
Whither he went nor whence he came,
Yet there was something in his eye
That won my love, I knew not why.

Once when my scanty board was spread
He entered,not a word he spake;
Just famishing for want of bread.
I gave him all—he blest and brake,
Then gave me part again
Mine was an angel's portion then,
For while I sped with eager haste,
That bread was manna to my taste.

Twas night, the winds were out,
It blew a winter hurricane aloof;
I heard his voice abroad, and flew
To bid him welcome to my roof.
I warmed, I fed, I cheered my guest,
Laid him on my own couch to rest,
Then made the earth my bed,
And seemed in Eden's garden while I dreamed.

Stripped, beaten, wounded nigh to death
I found him on the highway side;
I roused his pulse, brought back his breath,
Revived his spirit, and supplied
Wine, oil, refreshment—he was healed,
I had myself a wound concealed,
But from that hour forgot its smart,
And peace bound up my broken heart.

I spied him where the fountain burst
Clear from a rock, his strength was gone.
The heedless waters mocked his thirst,
He saw it, heard it hurrying on.
I ran to raise the sufferer up,
Thrice from the stream he drained my cup,
Dipped. and returned it running o'er,
I drank and never thirsted more.

Then in a moment to my view,
The stranger started from disguise,
The tokens in His hands I knew,
My Saviour stood before my eyes.
He spake, and my poor name He named,
Of Me thou has not been ashamed,
These deeds shall thy memorial be,
Fear not, thou dids't it unto Me.

E. F. Jones answered some objections that were once brought against the support of the Orphanage, urging the Baptist people to stand by the Orphanage, owing to the fact that it has no other means of support.

J. C. Caddell and J. H. Farthing were requested to take a collection for the benefit of the Orphanage. Amount received, $7.03.

E. F. Jones suggested that the roll of churches be called and that delegates state the number of times that their church will be given an opportunity to contribute to the Orphanage within the coming year.

The following indicated:

Antioch, two times, Sunday School each Sunday; Bethel, two; Beaver Dam, two; Bethany, two: Beech Mountain, two; Boone, two, Sunday School collections, except expenses; Brushy Fork, two; Cove Creek, two; Cool Spring, two; Elk Knob, two; Elk Valley, two; Fall Creek, two; Forest Grove, two; Flat Top, two; Gap Creek, two; Laurel Springs, two; Meat Camp, two: Mt. Calvary, two; Mt. Gilead, two; Mt. Lebanon, two, Sunday School, twelve; Pleasant Grove, one; Pleasant Valley, one; South Fork, two; Shull's Mills, one; Sampson, two; Three Forks, two, Sunday School, twelve, except expenses; Union, two; Zionville, two, Sunday School, two; Zion Hill, two.

E. F. Jones furthersuggested that at the usual Thanksgiving services an opportunity be given the people to contribute to the Orphanage.

D. C. Harmon moved to adjourn to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning and spend half hour in devotional exercises.

Committee on Religious Exercises report L. A. Wilson to preach to-morrow at 10 o'clock a. m.; John E. White, 11.30 o'clock a. m.; Milton Farthing, 2 o'clock p. m.

J. M. Payne announced homes of entertainment for delegates during the session. Prayer by Solomon Younce. L. C. Wilson led the Doxology.

Benediction by D. C. Harmon.

SECOND DAY.—Morning Session.

August 31.

The congregation assembled to the singing of "Am I a soldier of the cross."

By request, J. F. Eller conducted devotional exercises.

After having read 3d chapter of Colossians, Archibald Johnson led in prayer.

After a song, prayer by Lewis W. Farthing, at 9.30 o'clock the Moderator called the Association to order.

Minutes of yesterday read and corrected.

Roll of delegates called and absentees stricken out.

J. C. Caddell read the following

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

In no time in our history have we seen a plainer necessity for our people to be better informed concerning the varied interests of our denominational work. We can not expect those who know nothing of our plans and the work in hand to feel any considerable interest in their success. Our forefathers realized this in their ear y efforts to organize and build up a great denomination of Baptist people in North Carolina. And, as a means of providing for this necessity, more than sixty-four years ago they established the Biblical Recorder as a medium of conveying religious intelligence among our people, and to better and more thoroughly organize our forces and systematize our work. What we have, with the blessings of God, been able to accomplish is the best testimony to the wisdom of their efforts. The paper was never more efficient than now, and through the enterprising efforts of Messrs. Edwards & Broughton, the proprietors and publishers, the subscription price has been reduced from $2 to $1.50.

Charity and Children is the organ of our Orphanage work; and it is of the highest importance that our people should read this paper in order to know of the progress and needs of this great institution.

We would commend to our Sunday Schools our own literature, published at Nashville, Tennessee, and would urge our Superintendents to buy this through our Book Store in Raleigh, N. C.

We also call attention to Our Home Field, printed in Atlanta, at 10 cents a year; The Foreign Mission Journal, at 25 cents a year.

These periodicals are well gotten up and contain invaluable information concerning the work of the Home and Foreign Mission work.

We also recommend as worthy a place in our homes, The North Carolina Baptist, published in Fayetteville, N. C., and the Missionary Helper, published at Decatur, Georgia.

DAVID GREENE,
J. C. CADDELL,
Committee.

J. C. Caddell spoke to the above report basing his remarks on "The Law of Cooperation."

David Greene, of the Committee, spoke to the report in general.

Archibald Johnson spoke in behalf of Charity and Children, the Orphanage paper.

John E. White stated that the Baptist Book Store, at Raleigh, N. C., will furnish any Baptist literature as cheaply as can be bought anywhere else, and to ministers cheaper.

E. F. Jones added remark, mentioning the fact that crime is so often traceable to the reading of bad literature.

J. F. Davis moved to adopt the above report.

C. S. Farthing, Associational Missionary, submitted his report as follows:

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY.

The field assigned me by the Committee last year was Dutch Creek, Clark's Creek, and the head of Yadkin Elk.

I found the head of Elk well occupied by churches of Stony Fork Association. I decided it would not be prudent for me to undertake any work there as missionary. I have labored during the year on the rest of the field.

The Sunday School work of last year closed the last of September; reorganized the first of April, and is now in progress same as

last year. The work done and amount received for the same is as follows:

Miles traveled, 300; Sermons preached, 32; Baptized, 3.

Contributions:

Flat Top church	$1.76
Laurel Springs	1.65
Boone	1.84
Bethel Sunday School (No. 2)	.86
Bethel church	2.25
Brushy Fork	2.00
Total	10.36

Respectfully, C. S. FARTHING,
Missionary.

Bro. Farthing proceeded to explain the nature of the missionary work in the bounds of the Three Forks Association as being, principally, the indoctrinating of the people.

J. F. Davis, of the Committee, read the following

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Baptists of North Carolina are committed unreservedly to the cause of education. Believing, as we do, in individual liberty in all matters of conscience and religion, we naturally favor the best and broadest culture of the individual faculties. Inasmuch as the great majority of the children of the State are dependent upon the public schools for their education, we very earnestly favor the support of these schools by taxation. The appalling condition of illiteracy in our borders makes it doubly important that every honorable effort shall be tried to render our common school system more efficient.

The present policy of our State toward higher education we consider unnecessary, unwise, and unjust, and reaffirm our unwavering belief in the wisdom and efficiency of the Voluntary Principle.

THE EDUCATION OF WOMEN.

As the first school is the home and the mother the most important teacher, and as the influence of woman is a potent force in advancing or retarding the progress of civilization and Christianity, it follows that her education is a matter of supreme importance.

We rejoice in the steady and encouraging progress of the movement for the Woman's College in Raleigh. The building is being pushed to rapid completion, and will, in the near future, be ready to open its doors to our women. But there is still much to be done. A great enterprise needs a great deal of money. Our Woman's College needs the support of every Baptist in the State; especially should the members of the Associations accord a liberal support to this institution located in their own borders.

The Oxford Seminary and Murfreesboro Institute are both excellent institutions under Baptist control, and should receive a liberal patronage.

WAKE FOREST COLLEGE.

Wake Forest College belongs to the Baptists of North Carolina. Founded and fostered in their prayers and sacrifices, it has ever sought to do their will and serve their interests. It is preeminently a Christian college. It strives to give thorough culture at moderate

cost in a distinctively Christian atmosphere. The Bible has been made an essential part of the college course, and is required of all applicants for degrees.

The last session of the College was in some respects the most successful in all its history. The enrollment, 264, surpassed all previous records; the health of the students was excellent, and their general spirit one of order, industry and decorum. The present session has opened well and the prospects for the future are good, but they can be realized only as the college has the support of the Baptists of the State. Will not every member of the Association recognize and emphasize his ownership in the college by giving in larger measure his prayers, his patronage and his sympathy?

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Wise leadership is essential to the largest success. Wise leaders must be trained. In our work as a denomination our preachers are our leaders. In this age as never before they need training.

To aid worthy and indigent young ministers in getting this training the State Convention established the Board of Education. The value of the work of this Board is attested by the lives and labors of its beneficiaries. In a careful and judicious way it dispenses the contributions of the churches to needy young men who have been approved by their churches. Its aid is given as a loan.

Last session about thirty young men were aided. There are other worthy applicants, but they can not be helped unless the churches increase their contributions. What say you, brethren? Will not the churches of the Association blessed with the prospect of a bountiful harvest promise to do more for training reapers for the Master's great harvest?

Our opportunity is great and our duty urgent.

J. F. DAVIS,
JOHN E. WHITE,
Committee.

The following brethren announced themselves, and were welcomed to seats in the Association: H. F. Schenck, from Kings Mountain Association; Solomon Younce, visiting minister from Mitchell County Association; T. L. Blalock, returned missionary from China, from Mitchell County Association; J. G. Pulliam, visiting minister from Caldwell County Association.

John E. White spoke to the Report on Education: Said of all people the Baptists ought to be educated, owing to the fact that they are expected to do their own thinking. The purpose of education ought not to be to make a living, but to make men.

E. F. Jones spoke particularly of the Voluntary System of Education vs. State Aid.

Report on Education adopted.

On motion, the Association repaired to the stand in the grove to hear the report on State Missions, to be followed by a discussion of the same by John E. White.

The congregation assembled at the stand to the singing of "When the roll is called up yonder."

William Elrod, of the Committee, read the following

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The history of State Missions is virtually the history of the rise and progress of North Carolina Baptists, reaching from the year 1720 to the present time.

It is a work so clearly in accordance with Divine commandment, with the Spirit of Jesus, and with the nobler impulses of the Christian heart and life, that it needs no argument to commend it to the sympathies of the Association.

Since the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools was organized our State missionaries have preached the gospel on over four thousand destitute fields, and have organized at mission points more than one-third of the whole number of Baptist churches we now have in North Carolina.

And along with this God-blessed work of construction and evangelization, every department of our denominational life has been stimulated—Education, the Orphanage, Home Missions and Foreign Missions have felt and continue to feel the effect of State Missions on them in endowments, patronage, support, and sympathy, and an enlarged beneficence at the hands of our people.

Your Committee is glad to report that the Baptists of North Carolina have a larger force of missionaries in the field this year than ever before in our history. One hundred and three regular missionaries are at work preaching the gospel to three hundred and fifty-eight destitute points. The cause is being pressed by these faithful workers in fifty-six counties in North Carolina.

The reports from their fields as they have come in indicate encouragement and even enthusiasm. God is blessing the Word in their hands. We may depend upon it. His grace will be poured out upon their labors. Ours is the duty of prayer and sympathy. It is the battle of our Christ which they are waging, the battle of our cause and our priceless principles. We should feel honored of God that we are colaborers with Him in the great work of bringing North Carolina to own and honor our Master. The burden, if it is reckoned a burden, the responsibility is on us to support this work and these workers.

We have planned and arranged the work this year on a $15,000 basis. All the year the missionaries have been at work hopefully relying upon our faithfulness in paying the small amounts promised.

As yet only a small proportion of the amount needed has been raised. The day is now on us when each must do something.

We recommend to every pastor that he urge his churches to make an offering for State Missions by December 1.

WILLIAM ELROD,
JOHN E. WHITE,
Committee.

John E. White read a selection from 2d and 3d chapters of Revelation, using as a text 8th verse of 3d chapter of Revelation.

By request of John E. White a collection was taken for State Missions, amounting to $9.67.

The roll of churches was called and the following agreed to take collections or pay the amount indicated, for State Missions for next year:

Antioch, two collections; Bethel, $5; Beaver Dam, one collection; Beech Mountain, one collection; Brushy Fork, two collections; Cove Creek, one collection; Cool Spring, $1; Elk Valley, one collection; Fall Creek, $1; Flat Top $3; Gap Creek, two collections; Howard's Creek, one collection; Laurel Spring, two collections; R. W. Walker, $1; Meat Camp, one collection; Mount Calvary, one collection; Mount Gilead, one collection; Mount Lebanon, one collection; Pleasant Grove, one collection; Pleasant Valley (N. C.), one collection; South Fork, one collection; Sampson, one collection; Union, one collection; Zionville, one collection; Zion Hill, one collection; Three Forks, $5; Boone, $5.

Report on State Missions adopted.
A motion prevailed to adjourn for one-half hour.
The congregation arose and sang, "Jesus, lover of my soul."
Benediction by D. C. Harmon.

SECOND DAY.—Afternoon Session.

1 o'clock p. m.

Prayer by John Norris.
William Elrod read the following

REPORT ON FIELD AND SUPPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY.

We have collected and paid over seven dollars and ninety-eight cents from the churches assigned us.

WILLIAM ELROD,
W. C. COFFEY,
Committee.

Report adopted.
William Elrod moved to appoint a committee to appoint Associational Missionary and look after field and support of same.
The Chair announced the following Committee: William Elrod, W. C. Coffey, J. C. Horton, John Sherrill and T. P. Adams.
T. L. Blalock read the following

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Since 1845, when the Southern Baptist Convention was organized, the Foreign Mission work has grown till this year it has on the fields, after more than fifty years of work, eighty missionaries, with a total membership of 4,324 converts; and not only this, but God has enlarged the work of Southern Baptists still more. In 1893 there launched out twelve men and women directly depending on the churches of this Southland. These have grown to the number of twenty-two, while others are crying to be sent this way.

Another God-given opportunity thrust upon us! And while the Lord of the harvest is sending forth workers, He is enlarging the fields for Baptists to occupy. Cuba, Porto Rico, and other islands are ours. Shall Catholicism in them remain? Brethren, these men and women sent out by God from us are dependent on us for a living while they carry Christ to the heathen.

T. H. BLALOCK,
J. H. FARTHING,
Committee.

T L. Blalock spoke to the above report, especially setting forth the purpose and plans of Gospel Mission work; also requesting Christians of the homeland to pray with their missionaries each Sunday morning, at least, for the Lord'sblessings on their labors.

E. F. Jones spoke in behalf of direct support of mission work by the churches, especially urging all to do something.

T. L. Blalock makes as his last request, that when he dies or is taken from the work, that the churches slack not their effort to give the gospel to the heathen.

J. H. Farthing spoke of his increasing interest in Foreign Mission work.

The following churches agreed to take collections for the benefit of T. L. Blalock and wife, as indicated, for the coming year, beginning at October:

Antioch, four collections; Beaver Dam, four collections; Beech Mountain, four collections; Brushy Fork, four collections; Cove Creek, four collections; Cool Spring, four collections; Fall Creek, one collection; Forest Grove, four collections; Flat Top, four collections; Howard's Creek, four collections; Meat Camp, four collections; Mount Calvary, two collections; Mount Gilead, two collections; Pleasant Grove, two collections; South Fork, four collections; Shull's Mills, two collections; Sampson, four collections; Three Forks, four collections; Union, four collections; Zionville, four collections.

Report on Foreign Missions adopted.

Committee on Religious Exercises reports L. C. Wilson to preach to-morrow at 10 o'clock; E. F. Jones to preach to-morrow at 11.30.

C. J. Cottrel presented the following

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, the Committee on Finance, beg to submit the following report on all moneys that have come into our hands:

Gospel Missions	$6.65
State Missions	4.00
Home Missions	5.10
Orphanage	13.40
Minute Fund	30.46
Total	59.61

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. COTTREL,
Chairman Committee.

Report adopted.

A motion prevailed to adjourn to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by C. S. Farthing. A song: "'Tis religion that can give, Sweetest pleasures while we live." Benediction by E. F. Jones.

THIRD DAY.—Morning Session.

September 1.

By request, E. F. Jones conducted devotional exercises. After a song, John Norris led in prayer.

E. F. Jones read and commented on 103d Psalm, after which C. S. Farthing led in thanksgiving for the Lord's blessings.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

E. F. Jones read the following

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, I. T. Tichenor, Corresponding Secretary, is located at Atlanta, Georgia. One work of the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention, through this Board, is to give the gospel to the colored people of the Southern States, the Indians, the foreign population, our own people, as well as the work in Cuba. We have property in Cuba worth $75,000; twenty-six churches, with a membership of 1,500; 1,000 members in the church in Havana. Now that the war with

the United States and Spain is over, a great opportunity is before us now to go in and give the gospel to those Cuban people. At least twenty-five missionaries should go to Cuba with our beloved brother Diaz. In the year past, the Home Board had 372 missionaries in the field. Bro. C. L. Greene has gone to the Indian Territory as a missionary and is looking to the churches for a living. As we have opportunity, we think we should help him.

E. F. JONES,
J. F. ELLER,
Committee.

E. F. Jones spoke to the above report.
Report adopted.
L. C. Wilson read the following

REPORT ON MINISTERS' RELIEF.

In 1891, a Board for the support of our old and worn-out ministers was established and recognized by the brethren composing the Baptist State Convention. In the brief history of this work, some of our best and most useful preachers have been aided, and in their last days made comfortable and free from want. Last year we aided about thirty preachers, and those dependent upon them. The number of applications will naturally grow larger each year, and hence the necessity for our churches to enlarge their contributions for this work.

We ought not to forget the men who laid our foundations for us, and made the history which we are now writing. Let every church take at least one collection during the year for this worthy cause.

J. C. CADDELL,
L. A. WILSON,
Committee.

E. F. Jones spoke to the report briefly.
Report adopted.
R. W. Walker read the following

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We are glad to say that we believe the Sunday School work is on the increase within the bounds of the Three Forks Association.

We believe that less than one-half of the children of Baptist families attend Sunday School regularly. This ought not to be, as we should obey the injunction, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from the right way." We insist on parents leading the way to Sunday School and always be ready to say, come children, let us go to Sunday School, in place of saying, children, go to Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. COFFEY.
R. W. WALKER,
Committee.

Report adopted.
A. Roten submits his

REPORT AS COLPORTEUR.

Your Colporteur begs leave to submit the following report:

Books on hand at close of last year		$20.07
Cash		40.11
Total		60.18
Books bought during the year	$22.50	
Books sold during the year	17.53	
Books on hand	26.29	
Cash on hand	33.63	
Total	59.92	

Reduction in total of 26 cents for books sold under cost.

A. ROTEN, Colporteur.

E. F. Jones urges the Baptists to inform themselves. especially upon distinctive principles.

D. C. Harmon added some remarks, as to what to read, specially requesting the ministers of the Association to inform themselves.

The Moderator, calling D. C. Harmon to the Chair, made some remarks, naming various works worthy to be read by our people.

After various other remarks, report adopted.

J. F. Eller moved that David Greene be appointed Colporteur for the ensuing year.

Brother Greene requests the brethren of the Association to assist him in selling books.

A motion prevailed to take a collection for J. F. Eller to aid him in buying books for himself, owing to his loss of books by fire. Amount received, $3.23; also presents of books from some of the brethren.

By request, the Clerk read the following

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance is glad to report that much has been done in our county in suppressing the great evil of intemperance; but there is much, still, to be done.

Temperance is one of the Christian graces. We are admonished in God's word to be temperate in all things. and Peter exhorts us to add to our knowledge temperance.

Our definition of temperance is, moderate use of all things necessary, and a total abstinence from all things hurtful. It has been truthfully said that intoxicating liquors destroy more lives than wars, pestilences and famines. Intemperance is a great blight upon all our institutions—political. social and religious. Of all the sins and evils of which we read in God's word, it is the only one because of which hell is enlarged. When we look at our prisons, and see them filled with felons; and our almshouses and see them filed with orphans and paupers; and when we look at families, once prosperous and happy, brought to degradation and ruin, we inquire why is all this. In nine cases in ten the answer is, intemperance. Is this all? No! no! if we could look beyond the boundary line of time and see those who are in the regions of eternal despair from its use, it would be enough to make our hearts sink within us and cause us, we think, to use greater efforts than ever before to crush this deadly evil. Brethren, let us rise up and pledge ourselves before God to do more; and for the suppression of this deadly sin, let no church retain in her fellowship any one who makes, sells or uses intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

We further believe the use of tobacco to be very injurious to health; therefore, we advise our people to quit the use of it.

D. C. HARMON,
L. N. PERKINS,
Committee.

D. C. Harmon, of the Committee, spoke to the above report.
A. Roten added remarks touching upon the use of tobacco.
E. F. Jones spoke of the effects of cigarette smoking.
After further remarks by L. W. Farthing, John Norris and others, the above report was adopted.
J. F. Davis, of the Committee, read the following

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

In regard to pastoral support, we believe the Scriptures abundantly teach that the churches should support their pastors.—"Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." 1 Cor. ix. 14—in order that the pastor may be enabled to give his time to studying God's word, to prayer and to visiting among the members of the churches, and thus to cultivate spirituality in the churches, as well as liberality in giving, which the Lord undoubtedly requires; and so to develop the churches to the highest and best within them, in order that we may bring the world to Christ and glory to God.

GEORGE ROTEN,
J. F. DAVIS,
Committee.

E. F. Jones, David Greene, J. H. Farthing, William Elrod, C. J. Cottrel and others spoke to the report.
Report adopted.
On motion, adjourned to 1 o'clock p. m.

THIRD DAY.—Afternoon Session.

1 o'clock p. m.

J. P Wilkinson led in singing, "Am I a soldier of the cross."
Correspondents to visit sister Associations reported as follows: John Norris and others attended Watauga Association; J. F. Eller attended Stony Fork, Ashe and Alleghany; J. H. Farthing attended Stony Fork; W. M. Cannon attended Mitchell County Association.
On motion, reports received as satisfactory.
John Norris read the following

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENTS.

To Ashe County Association—J. H. Farthing, Asa Brown.
To Brushy Mountain—William Elrod. W. F. Knight.
To Caldwell County Association—E. F. Jones, J. M. Payne.
To Stony Fork Association—J. F. Eller, C. S. Farthing.
To Watauga Association—D. C. Harmon, L. W. Farthing and W. S. Farthing.
To Mitchell County Association—I. J. McGinnis, Sidney King.
To Southern Baptist Convention—J. F. Davis, W. L. Bryan.
To State Convention—W. C. Coffey, W. S. Farthing.

JOHN NORRIS,
LEWIS W. FARTHING,
Committee.

Report adopted.

Following is the

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received at the Association, 1897:

Minute Fund	$27 97
Foreign Missions	.65
Home Missions	1.00
State Missions	4.90
Orphanage	4.60
Gospel Missions (Blalock)	16.54

Received since last Association:

Home Missions (W. E. Davis, C. L. Greene), from Cove Creek church, respectively	1.38 2.16
From Three Forks church (Blalock)	1.00
From Brushy Forks church (C. L. Farthing, Associational Missionary)	2.00
Gospel Missions (Blalock), from Cove Creek church	25.80
Total	89.00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to John E White (Corresponding Secretary):

Foreign Missions	.65
Home Missions	1.00
State Missions	4.90
Paid Johnson, for Orphanage	4.60
Paid Clerk of Association, for services	7.50
Paid Edwards & Broughton, printing Minutes	20.00
Paid Registering same	.10
Paid C. L. Greene (Home Missions)	2.16
Paid Blalock (Gospel Missions)	8.00
Paid W. E. Davis (Home Missions)	1.38
Paid Blalock (Gospel Missions)	25.80
Total amount paid out	76.09

Leaving in my hands, August 30, 1898, $11.91.

T. P. ADAMS, Treasurer.

Report adopted.

D. C. Harmon moved to continue T. P. Adams as Treasurer of the Association for next year.

J. C. Horton read the following

REPORT ON DIGEST OF LETTERS.

We, your Committee on Digest of Letters, beg leave to report that we find as follows:

Total received by baptism, 153; total received by letter, 66; total restored, 24; dismissed by letter, 62; excluded, 100; died, 28.

The total increase in membership in the Association is very gratifying, being, as we find from letters, 286 members.

We also find a very liberal increase in contributions to nearly all objects from all the churches, notably to the poor and to Foreign Missions, both of which have been more than doubled over amount paid last year.

We find a fair increase in amount paid for both State and Home Missions, but are sorry to note a decrease in contributions to the Baptist Orphanage, one of our most deserving institutions.

We are further gratified to note that contributions to Sunday School purposes have increased to almost double the amount expended last year, which we take as meaning an increase in the effectiveness of the schools.

LEWIS W. FARTHING,
J. C. HORTON,
Committee.

Report adopted.

The Committee on Field and Support of Associational Missionary reports as follows:

FIELD AND SUPPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY.

We, your Committee on Associational Missions beg leave to recommend that the work commenced during the year past, on Clark's Creek and Dutch Creek, be continued by our missionary. Also, that work be instituted in the section lying between Zionville and Key Station, and along the mountain toward Sutherlands, as this is regarded as a destitute locality and a promising field of labor.

Also, any other fields that he may find.

We further report the appointment of Bro. C. S. Farthing to occupy this field of labor for the next year.

WILLIAM ELROD,
J. C. HORTON,
JOHN SHERRILL,
Committee.

Report adopted.

C. S. Farthing asks the above Committee to visit his places of labor and investigate work done.

C. S. Farthing moved that this Association meet next year with Beech Mountain church, on Tuesday after fourth Sunday in August, 1899. L. C. Wilson to preach the Introductory Sermon; I. J. McGinnis, alternate.

A motion prevailed to appoint the Clerk to superintend the printing and distribution of Minutes, and that he be allowed for services $7.50.

E. F. Jones moved to request the Clerk to procure a copy of all unrecorded Minutes, with a copy for this year, and have them bound in permanent form.

A motion prevailed that the Clerk accept a proposition of the American Baptist Publication Society, to furnish free of charge covers for Minutes of the Association.

L. C. Wilson, of the Committee, submits the following resolutions:

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS.

Your Committee on Resolutions submit the following, to-wit:

Resolved 1. That it is the sense of this body that it would be for the general good of the cause of Christ that the churches of the Association elect their pastors indefinitely, or as long as there is mutual satisfaction and union between pastor and church.

Resolved 2. That in case this condition is not complied with, that it would be for the promotion of union among the churches to elect at the end of each Associational year.

Resolved 3. That this body return its thanks to the brethren, sis-

ters and friends of this church and surrounding country for the noble way in which they have entertained the Association, and for the many acts of hospitality and generosity.

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. WILSON,
A. ROTEN,
Committee.

After being discussed by a number of brethren, a motion prevailed to strike out the first resolution.

Report on Resolutions, as amended, adopted.

J. C. Horton moved that this Association appoint a Historian, whose duty it shall be to collect and preserve such matters of history as shall be of future interest to this Association.

The Chair appointed J. C. Horton Historian.

By request, J. H. Farthing conducted the closing exercises.

L. C. Wilson led in singing, "How firm a foundation," etc.

The delegates extended to each other the parting hand, after which L. W. Farthing pronounced the benediction.

W. S. FARTHING, Moderator.

SMITH HAGAMAN, Clerk.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

Antioch—L. W. Farthing.
Bethel—W. S. Farthing, Lewis W. Farthing, J. K. Perry.
Beaver Dam—W. J. Hagaman, W. F. Reese, John Sherrill.
Beech Mountain—J. P. Wilkinson, John Church.
Bethany—G. F. Michael.
Boone—W. C. Coffey, W. L. Bryan.
Brushy Fork—Powell E. Harmon, Tilman Adams, J. H. Presnell.
Cove Creek—D. F. Horton, J. J. Glenn.
Cool Spring—T. M. Cannon, R. B. Triplet.
Elk Knob—T. A. Martin.
Elk Valley—A. E. Norman, A. M. Johnson.
Fall Creek—J. R. Gryder, J. E. Perlier.
Flat Top—Wiliam Elrod, Roby Greene, J. A. Edminston.
Forest Grove—E. R. Eggers, W. H. Eller, Smith Hagaman.
Gap Creek—A. R. Yates.
Howard's Creek—M. W. Storie, James Cornell, E. C. Brown.
Laurel Springs—R. W. Walker, L. B. McNeil, J. J. Brown.
Little Zion—W. N. Little, G. W. Whitington.
Meat Camp—F. J. Tugman, Manly Greene.
Mount Calvary—J. C. Chappell, W. S. King.
Mount Lebanon—J. D. Bryan.
Mount Gilead—Solomon Younce, J W. Meadows.
Pleasant Grove—John Mast.
Pleasant Valley (N. C.)—W. M. Hampton, Willis Hicks, R. D. Gwynn.
Pleasant Valley (Tenn.)—Not represented.
South Fork—W. N. Howell, J. I. Wilson, John Tatem.
Shull's Mills—J. V. Brown, M. F. Presnell, J. D. Danner.
Sampson—W. N. Stone.
Three Forks—L. N. Perkins, J. C. Horton, C. J. Cottrel.
Union—William Eller, J. L. Thomas, W. F. Greer.
Zionville—George Roten, Andrew Greer.
Zion Hill—James C. Harmon, M. P. Edminston, John A. Harmon.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Clerks and Post-Offices.	Ordained Ministers.	Added.			Lost.			Membership.			Licentiates.	Time of Preaching Sunday and Saturday before
				Baptism.	Letter.	Restored.	Letter.	Excluded.	Deaths.	Males	Females.	Total.		
Antioch	J. H. Farthing	John Ward, Watauga Falls	--	1	2	3	2	2	1	63	68	131	1	First.
Bethel	J. H. Farthing	W. S. Farthing, Hattie	5	11	3	---	1	3	1	66	91	157	.	Fourth.
Beaver Dam	E. F. Jones	John Sherrill, Reese	1	8	2	2	6	1	2	41	64	105	--	Second.
Bethany	L. C. Wilson	G. F. Michal, Banner Elk	----	6	6	---	--	-----	--	7	14	21	---	Third.
Beech Mountain	R. L. Palmer	L. W. McGuire, Dark Ridge	2	7	3	3	2	3	---	58	83	141	--	First.
Boone	J. F. Davis	W. L. Bryan, Boone	---	3	1	---	1	-----	----	4	11	15		Third.
Brushy Fork	J. F. Davis	James H. Presnell, Hagaman	3	7	2	---	2	2	2	80	100	180	----	Second.
Cove Creek	J. J. L Sherwood	J. J. Mast, Vilas	2	16	2	2	----	1	1	58	88	146	----	Third
Cool Spring	J. M. Payne	T. L. C. Hartley, Blowing Rock	2	2	2	1	7	---	4	33	40	73	----	Fourth.
Elk Knob	L. A. Wilson	J. M. South, Sutherland	1	9	---	---		11	2	20	35	55	1	Fourth.
Elk Valley	Q. J. McGinnis	A. M. Johnson, Hale	----	3	3	----	1	5	---	18	42	60	----	Fourth.
Fall Creek	John Norris	George Brown, Dark Ridge	----	1	2	----	2	------	----	12	15	27	----	Second.
Forest Grove	J. F. Eller	Smith Hagaman, Sweet Water	2	2	---	---	---	1		31	44	75	----	Third.
Flat Top	J. F. Davis	William Elrod, Blowing Rock	----	1	2	1	1	1	1	17	67	84	1	First.
Gap Creek	Asa Brown	J. B. Hopkins, Gap Creek	----		---	---	---	6	----	23	37	60	----	First.
Howard's Creek	L. C. Wilson	E. J. Norris, Sands	---	------	1	1	4	------	----	20	36	56	----	Fourth.
Laurel Springs	C. S. Farthing	J. J. Brown, Virgil	3	---	---	---	2	7	4	58	94	152	----	Fourth.
Little Zion (colored)	R. F. Sherror	W. N. Little, Sugar Grove	1	16	1	1	1	3	---	6	10	16	----	First.
Meat Camp	L. A. Wilson	L. A. Greene, Norris	1	11	---	2	3	------	2	48	87	135	1	First.
Mount Calvary	L. C. Wilson	B. F. Patterson, Banner Elk	1	1	5	----	2	1	2	14	24	38	1	Third.
Mount Gilead	J. F. Eller	J. W. Meadows, Norris, Tenn	----	22	7	4	3	20	--	48	46	94	----	Second.
Mount Lebanon	Edmund Greene	N. B. Isaacs, Vilas	----	------	---	---	---		----	16	22	38	----	First.
Pleasant Grove	David Greene	C. C. Adams, Silverstone	---	6	1	1	1	5	---	44	51	95	----	Fourth.
Pleasant Valley (N. C.)	W. J. Potter	H. N. Oaks, Shell Creek, Tenn	1	4	1	---	---	8	--	16	37	53	----	Fourth.
*Pleasant Valley, (Tenn.)		John F. Reese, Dowell, Tenn	----	----	---	---	---		---	3	16	19	----	Third.
South Fork	David Greene	J. S. Stanberry, Todd	1	------	4	1	1	1	---	40	63	103	----	Second.
Shull's Mills	J. M. Payne	J. C. Shull, Shull's Mills	---	1	5	1	---	---	1	11	11	22	----	Third
Sampson	S. L. Fox	E. Harrison, Penley	1	---	6	1	1	2	--	32	38	70	----	First.
Three Forks	J. J. L. Sherwood	C. J. Cottrell, Deerfield			1	----	7	7	1	79	97	176	----	Second.
Union	J. F. Eller	H. C. Johnson, Mabel	----	2	----	1	7	3	2	46	59	105	1	First.
Zionville	David Greene	G. C. Greer, Greer	1	11	3	---	13	2	1	65	90	155	----	Third.
Zion Hill	R. L. Palmer	James C. Harmon, Sugar Grove	2	1	---	---	2	9	2	39	32	71	----	Second.
			30	152	65	25	72	104	29	1116	1611	2728	6	

*Statistics of last year.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

Churches.	Minute Fund.	State Missions.	Gospel and Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Associational Missions.	Baptist Orphanage.	Incidental Expenses.	Building and Repairs.	Paid Pastors.	Other Objects.	Poor.	Ministers' Relief.	Grand Total
Antioch	$0.95		$4.28										$5.23
Bethel	2.25	$9.50	5.00	$5.00	$1.50	$5.00	$7.26		$53.35	$17.00	$5.00	$3.00	113.86
Beaver Dam	.85		40.87	6.70		3.08	.45	$0.35	100.00		1.35		153.44
Beech Mountain	1.95						.50	72.78	23.37				97.90
Boone	.75	5.35	3.08	1.50	1.84	3.92		44.69	50.00			1.20	124.98
Brushy Fork	1.25	2.00	8.65	5.10		2.00	6.00				4.00	1.00	26.85
Bethany	.50								11.00	4.25			21.75
Cove Creek	2.10		25.80	2.16			10.25				4.50		45.11
Cool Spring	1.30		1.15						21.89				24.34
Elk Knob	.45					.50		.75	6.15				7.85
Elk Valley	1.00					1.00			13.60				15.60
Fall Creek	.60	1.00	1.00	1.00									15.81
Forest Grove	1.00		4.51	2.10		1.89	17.00		50.00				76.50
Flat Top	1.10	3.00	5.75	2.30	1.79	1.41			48.29			1.70	63.34
Gap Creek	1.00					1.00							2.00
Howard's Creek	.50		2.40					8.00	22.72	4.25			39.66
Laurel Springs	1.06	.40	1.50	1.00	1.65				39.50		4.72		50.58
Little Zion (col.)	1.00								25.00				26.00
Meat Camp	1.00	1.00				1.52	.50		37.60	8.00	5.83		54.53
Mount Calvary	.75	1.00	2.00	1.00		1.55			25.00				31.30
Mount Gilead	.50	1.00		2.50		1.66			16.00				21.66
Mount Lebanon	.75												35.85
Pleasant Grove	.80		1.65	1.61					27.45				31.51
Pleasant Valley (N. C.)	.60							30.00	12.40				43.00
South Fork	1.00	2.00							28.00				31.00
Shull's Mills	.80								12.00				12.80
Sampson	.65												.65
Three Forks	2.00	2.50	24.87				3.46		60.29				93.12
Union	.65		1.88	5.30		1.13	1.95		30.00				40.91
Zionville	1.05		5.00	3.26					42.75		16.50		68.56
Zion Hill	1.00		1.00	1.00			1.00		2.60		7.00		13.60
	31.16	28.75	140.39	41.53	6.78	25.66	48.37	156.52	758.96	33.50	48.80	6.90	1,385.69

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE

Churches.	Superintendents and Post-offices.	Number Officers and Teachers.	Number Scholars.	Sunday School Expenses.	Number Quarterlies and Papers.	Volumes in Library.	Orphanage.
Antioch	W. J. Farthing, Watauga Falls, N. C	6	30	$0.70	22	----	------
Bethel	L. W and H. H. Farthing, Sweet Water and Hattie	16	143	9.44	118	----	------
Beaver Dam	W. J. Hagaman, Reese	7	75	5.40	52	43	------
Bethany	H. M. Bumgarner, Banner Elk	5	45	.80	26	----	------
Beech Mountain	J. P. Wilkinson, Dark Ridge	7	58	.62	----	----	------
Boone	J. C. Horton, Boone	3	20	2.25	30	----	$7.40
Brushy Fork	S. F. Moody, Vilas	6	80	3.00	50	----	1.15
Cove Creek	John McBride, Amantha	6	90	7.28	240	----	------
Cool Spring	Wm. Elrod, Blowing Rock	7	45	.25	----	----	------
Elk Valley	A. M. Johnson, Hale	6	45	3.20	40	----	------
Fall Creek	W. F. Mitchell, Dark Ridge	4	42	----	----	----	------
Forest Grove	W. H. Eller, Sweet Water	6	60	2.00	25	----	------
Flat Top	Jeff. Brown, Blowing Rock	6	40	1.24	17	----	------
Howard's Creek	E. J. Norris, Sands	----	----	----	----	----	------
Laurel Springs	W. R. Moore, Rutherwood	6	102	9.75	120	----	------
Little Zion	I. W. Whitington and H. Thompson, Sugar Grove and Sweet Water	9	53	2.28	43	----	------
Meat Camp	D. C. Byers, Norris	8	84	.30	----	----	------
Mount Calvary	B. F. Patterson, Banner Elk	4	35	4.00	----	30	------
Mount Gilead	Solomon Younce, Beech Creek	5	25	----	----	----	------
Mount Lebanon	John Cornell, Vilas	5	30	.55	13	----	------
Pleasant Grove	John H. Mast, Mast	6	65	3.70	120	----	------
South Fork	Ira Duncan, Dodd	8	60	1.85	----	----	------
Shull's Mills	J. S. Reed, Shull's Mills	4	30	.43	----	----	------
Sampson	W. N. Storie, Penley	5	37	----	----	----	------
Three Forks	C. J. Cottrel, Deerfield	7	50	4.92	52	----	------
Union	H. C. Johnson, Mabel	6	57	.58	----	----	------
Zionville	George Roten, Zionville	8	70	5.60	70	----	------
Zion Hill	C. Stines, Harmon	5	25	----	----	----	------
		71	1,496	70.14	1,038	73	8.55

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August, 29, 30, and 31, 1899.

The next session to be held with Laurel Springs Church eight miles East of Boone, North Carolina, to begin Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August, 1900. L. J. McGinnis to preach the Introductory sermon and J. M. Payne, alternate.

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Beech Mountain—Philip Church, G. W. McGuire, J. R. Greene.
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Forest Grove—Hugh Hagaman, Smith Hagaman, E. R. Eggers,
Flat Top—W. Elrod.
Howard Creek—B.R. Brown, E.C. Brown, E.J.Norris.
Little Zion (Col)—Letter but no delegates.
Meat Camp—D. L. Greene.
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Mt. Lebanon—Wm. Hodges,
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South Fork—J. I Wilson, J. T. McGuire.
Shull's Mill—L. L, Cook, J. C. Shull.
Sampson—W. T. Focks.
Three Foks—J. C. Horton.
Union—George Yaunce.
Zionville—W. B. Davenport, George Roten.
Zion Hill—James Trivett.
Bethany—L. J. Michael, H. M. Bumgarner.
Laurel Spbings—Letter, but no delegates.

Proceedings.

Beech Mountain Baptist Church,
Tuesday, August 29th, 1899.

The Three Forks Baptist Association met this day in its Fifty-Ninth Annual Session with Beech Mountain Baptist church, Watauga county, North Carolina.

The congregation assembled to the singing of "In the resurrection morning." by request.

David Greene led the congregation in prayer.

Promptly at 11 o'clock a. m., L. C. Wilson, the appointed to preach the annual sermon, read the 3rd chapter of Philippians after which D. C. Harmon led in prayer. Bro. Wilson announced as his text, "But my God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19. After the sermon the congregation rose and sang the second Doxology.

Benediction by D. C. Harmon.

The Moderator announced that the congregation would be adjourned for one hour.

At 12:45 p. m., the messengers reassembled in the house. W. Swift led in singing "How Firm a Foundation &c."

By request of the Moderator, E. J. Norris led in thanks giving for divine guidance and preservation during the past year.

Letters from twenty-six churches were presented. A. J. Gambil and J. J. T. Reese were appointed reading clerks, by whom the above letters were read.

The Moderator announced that J. M. Payne will preach at this hour in the grove near the church.

The term of the officers of the session of 1898 having expired, D. C. Harmon moved the election of the present encumbents by acclamation, that is to say, W. S. Farthing, Moderator and Smith Hagaman, Clerk. Motion Carried.

Remarks of appreciation and gratitude by the moderator and clerk elect. On motion of D. C. Harmon an invitation was extended to newly constituted churches or churches from sister associations to unite with us. Clark's Creek, a newly constituted church, by her messenger presented a petitionary letter and was received upon the same. The moderator extending the hand of welcome.

Lewis W. Farthing moved to extend an invitation to correspondents and visiting brethren from sister associations. The following announced themselves and were welcomed to seats in the association. W. G. Buchanan from Mitchell Co. association.

N. J. Phillips, vistor from Holston association, Tenn. W. T. Greenwell, vistor from Watauga association. Lewis W. Farthing moved that the moderator appoint the usual committees.

The following were announced:

Baptist Orphnage—J. J. T. Reese and J. I. Wilson.

Temperance—John Norris, J. H. Farthing.

Pastoral Support—J. C. Horton, E. J. Norris,

Education—E. F. Jones, L. H. Trivett.

Periodicals.—J. F. Ellen, T. P. Adams.

Foreign Missions.—Lewis W. Farthing, William Elrod

State Missions.—David Greene and Hugh Hagaman.

Sunday Schools.—L. C. Wilson and George Roten.

Home Missions.—C. S. Farthing and N. J. Phillips.

Correspondents.—John Ward and L. W. Farthing.

Resolutions.—Wm. Elrod and J. C. Shull.

Finance.—A. J. Gambill and J. J. T. Reese.

Digest of Letters.—William Elrod and T. P. Adams.

Ministers Relief.—D. C. Harmon and E. F. Jones.

Religious Exercises.—Pastor R. L. Palmer and Messengers from Beech Mountain Church.

On motion the order of business for last year, being the printed order for the session of '97, was adopted for the present session.

Lewis W. Farthing moved to adjourn to 9 o'clock tomorrow morning, and spend half an hour in devotional exercises.

Prayer by E. F. Jones.

J. W. Trivett announced homes of entertainment for messengers and visitors during the Association.

The Committee on Religious Exercises report David Greene to preach tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. C. S Farthing to preach at 2 p. m., in the grove.

After a song the benediction was pronounced by J. W. Potter.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 30.

MORNING SESSION.

W. Swift led the congregation in singing "To the promised home in glory," after which N J. Phillips, of the Holsten Association, by request of the Moderator read the 84th Psalm, and conducted the devotional exercise. D C. Harmon led in prayer, after a song. By request many of the brethren rose and repeated various precious promises of the Bible, manifesting much interest.

Singing and prayer by different brethren.

At 9:30 a. m. the Moderator called the Association to order for the transaction of business. Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

On motion an invitatatfon was extended to correspondents and visitors to announce themselves. The following were recognized:

L. H. Greene, correspondent from Mitchell County Association, M. P. Matheny, Editor of the Southern Baptist, from Buncombe County Association, J. R. Pritchard, from Mitchell County Association. Letters from Laurel Springs, Three Forks and Bethany churches were read and names of their messengert enrolled.

A motion prevailed to admit D. L. Greene as messenger from Meat Camp church.

The roll of messengers called and absentees stricken out.

On motion the Order of Business was so changed as to hear the Report on Home Missions. A. J. Philips of the Committee read the following

Report On Home Missions.

By Home Missions is meant the work of the Southern Baptist Convention in all the Southern States, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, New Mexico and Cuba. This is a large field and includes much destitution in the mountainous regions; in the large cities, in the Western portions and in Cuba.

The way has been opened for the Gospel in all these places, and if the Baptists do not occupy them and furnish the Bible and a pure Gospel to a waiting and ready people. Advantage will be taken by teachers of error and the destitute places will be fiilled with false pernicious doctrines.

The unusual activity of the Mormons in these mountain and rural districts adds special emphasis to the call for help from those sections. Hundreds of Mormon missionaries are already at work in Tennessee, North Carolina and other parts of the South, and we cannot afford to delay enlarged systematic and well planned work. Other errors are being taught equally deceptive and soul-ruining as Mormonism. Wnat we need is not so much men as means to be sent out and support the men we have. We need to be more consecrated to the work of the Master, and more liberal in the means which God has given us in supporting the Gospel in all these sections, at home and abrord.

May the Lord Almighty stir up the spirit of the people as He did the spirit of King Cyrus to accomplish His purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

N. J. PHILLPS,
C. L. FARTHING,
Com.

N. J. Phillips addressed the Association on the

above report. Report adopted.

C. S. Farthing submits the following:

Report of Associational Missionary.

The following is a list of work done on the field and amount collected and paid over by the committee appointed last year:

Miles traveled,		275
Baptized,		7
Sermons preached,		31
Churches organized,		1
New Sunday Schools organized,		1
Received from	Beaver Dam Church,	$2 12
"	" Bethel church,	4.70
"	" Flat Top,	.75
"	" David Adams,	.50
"	" Cool Sorings,	.05
"	" Brushy Fork,	2.00
"	" Boone,	1.52
"	" Three Forks,	5.00
"	" Laurel Springs,	1.50
"	" Gap Creek,	.25
"	" E. J. Norris,	.25
	Total,	$18.64

Paid to the Building Committee of Clarks Creek church, $19.14.

C. S. FARTHING,
Missionary.

Bro. Farthing addressed the Association with regard to his work as Associational Missionary, stating reasons for having organized Clark's Creek church, &c. E. F. Jones, J. C. Horton and D. C. Harmon followed with remarks. Above report adopted.

T. P. Adams read the following:

Report On Periodicals.

Our people need religious information in order to

enlarge the interest in the Lord's work. The North Carolina Baptist published at Fayettville, N. C. gives such imformation, while Charity and Children gives information about the Orphanage. The Foreign Mission Journal and Home Field, about the home and foreign boards, while the Missionary Helper, of Decatur, Ga., gives information about the Gospel Mission works. The publications of the Sunday School Board at Nashville, and Publication Society at Philadelphia meets all the wants of our Sunday Schools. These publications ought to be purchased from the supply store at Raleigh. All these papers are good and ought to be read, but we need a more prayerful reading of the Bible.

Respectfully submitted,

T. P. ADAMS,
J. F. ELLER.
Com.

D. C. Harmon moved to adopt the above report. E. F. Jones moved to amend by adding the names of the Southern Baptist and Biblical Recorder.

D. C. Harmon spoke in opposition to the Biblical Recorder's endorsement of certain doctrinal questions contained in the Baccalaureate address of Pres. Whitsitt of the Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., with regard to a "Universal Spiritual Church"—See Recorder of June 14th '99. By request of D. C. Harmon the Clerk read the above refered to article. C. S. Farthing moved to strike out the name of the Biblical Recorder for the reasons stated by D. C. Harmon in the above.

E. F. Jones spoke in favor of reccomending the Recorder. Motion to strike out carried. M. P. Matheny made some announcements with regard to the Southern Baptist.

The above report on periodicals as amended adopted.

A motion prevailed to adjourn for one hour.

SECOND DAY

AFTERNOON SESSION.

A song led by W. Swift.—"Standing on the promises

of God." By request of the Moderator C. S. Farthing led in prayer.

J. C. Horton submits the following:

Report on Field and Support of Associational Missionary.

We as members of the committee on Field and Support of Associational Missionary work beg to report that we have received from the churches visited by us, the sum of $11.32 which we haye paid to Bro. C. S. Farthing our Associational Missionary for past year.

Wm ELROD,
J. C. HORTON,
T. P. ADAMS.
Com.

Report adopted.

L. W. Farthing moved to continue C. S. Farthing as Associational Missionary for the ensueing year. C. S. Farthing announced that L. H. Green from Mitchel Co. Assciation will fill his place at the pulpit in the grove, at this hour.

Wm. Elrod moved that the Chair appoint a committee on Field and support of Associational Missionary. The following were appointed:

W. C. Coffey, J. C. Horton, Wm. Elrod, T. P. Adams and Lewis W. Farthing. Lewis W. Farthing moved that the chair appoint one person in each courch to collect means to aid in building Clarks Creek Church house:

Antioch—L. W. Farthing.
Bethel—A. J. Gambell.
Beaver Dam—J. J. T. Reese.
Bethany—W. H. Michael.
Beech Mountain—G. W. McGuire.
Boone—W. C. Coffey.
Brushy Fork—Larkin Hayse.
Cove Creek—T. P. Adams.
Cool Springs—J. M. Payne.
Elk Knob—J. M. South.
Elk Valley—Alfred Johnson.

Fall Creek—George W. Brown.
Forest Grove—Hugh Hagaman.
Flat Top—Wm. Elrod.
Gap Creek—John Hopkins
Howards Creek—E. J. Norris.
Laurel Springs—R. W. Walker.
Little Zion—G W. Whitington.
Meat Camp—L. A. Greene.
Mt. Calvary—B. F. Patterson.
Mt. Gillead—John Meadows.
Mt. Lebanon—J. N. Isaacs.
Pleasant Grove—John Mast.
Pleasant Valley, N. C.—J. N. Oaks.
Pleasant Valley, Tenn.—Valentine Reese.
South Fork—J. S. Stanberry.
Shulls Mills—J. C. Shull.
Sampson—W. T. Fox.
Three Forks—J. C. Horton.
Union—Wm. Ellen.
Zionville—George Roten.
Zion Hill—E. G. Harmon.

E. F. Jones of the committee read the following:

Report on Education.

The Baptist of Watauga Co. should commit themselves earnestly without reserve to the maintaining of public schools, believing that the schools should be supported by taxation. We also reccomend a compulsory system for our public schools as a good public school system backed by a compulsory clause in our law would be the best way to give a practical education to our poor neglected children among the hills and mountains.

We re-assert our adherance to the voluntary principal of Higher Education. That State aid be withdrawn from our State Institutions, for the Higher Education of young men and women. In a very large degree the sons and daughters of rich men are able to avail themselves of the advantages these instititutions afford.

We are rejoiced that Profs D. D. and B. B. Daughtery will soon open a school at Boone which promises

to be a school of high grade; and no doubt be second to no school of the kind in the country, and perhaps second to none of the grade in the State.

Young men and young women can secure a practical education at this school at a reasonable cost. We recommend Wake Forest College as a good school for Baptist young men who want a good college educations

The Baptist Female College at Raleigh will open this Fall with a good faculty. We hope that some of our Baptist young ladies will be able to avail themselves of the advantages it will afford We recommend that that our churches do all in their power to educate at Wake Forest and at the Seminary at Louisville. All the young and old Baptist preachers of the State.

Respectfully submitted,

E. F. JONES,

L. H. TRIVETT,

Com.

M. P. Matheny spoke, first, in behalf of common school education as the first andgreatest importance. secured in favor of the compulsory recommendation of the report; said further that the law has as much right to take ahold of a man and demand that he shall send his children to school, as it has to thrust its hand into his pocket and take therefrom the money to support the public school, both of which the law ought to do.

E. F. Jones spoke, mainly, in regard to ministerial education.

D. C. Harmon moved to strike out that part of the report that refers to ministerial education at Louisville, Ky.

Report as amended adopted.

A motion prevailed to limit all speeches to ten minutes.

E. F. Jones submits the following:

Report on Ministers Relief.

Since 1891, between thirty and forty needy and worthy ministers or their worthy widows have been aided by the churches, through the Board. All could not be

helped who applied and were worthy, on account of not having means to help them. The churches of our Association have done something in the past years in this work. We reccommend that every church take at least one collection for this very worthy object.

Respectfully submitted,
E. F. JONES,
D. C. HARMON,
Com.

Remarks by E. F. Jones and D. C. Harmon.

Report adopted.

Hugh Hagaman read the following:

Report On State Missions.

We learn from the minutes of the Baptist State Convention of 1898 that there were forty-eight missionaries who received pay from the Board; and fifteen from the Board and Associations; and thirty-nine from the Associations. The amount paid by the Associations was $3,895.98: the amount that went through the Board was $16,582. 1, of which the missionaries received $12,942.55; the remaining $3,640.36 was for the salary of officers and other expenses.

The above is about the correct statistics we find. We are glad to know that the Baptist cause which we believe to be the cause of Christ, is being so zealously pushed forward; that especially in the bounds of this Association almost every locality has regular Baptist preaching.

Respectfully submitted,
DAVID GREENE,
HUGH HAGAMAN,
Com.

A motion prevailed to adopt above report.

L. C. Wilson read the following:

Report on Sunday Schools.

No department of our work, except the preaching of the gospel, is of more vital importance to the prosperity of the churches than the Sunday School.

Its influence for good has been felt and realized even in heathen lands. By reference to the reports of the different churches there has been some advancement in the work during the past year, yet there is much to be done.

This body would, therefore, insist upon the different churches to put forth stronger efforts and do more for this cause in the future than we have in the past.

While many of our youths are under the influence of the S. S. there are hundreds of our young people who know but little of God and his word, who might be brought into the S. S. by an effort on our part. Let the pastors of the different churches by their influence impress the importance of a live, evergreen S. S. in every church. Respectfully Submitted,

L. C. WILSON,
GEORGE ROTEN.
Com.

Bro. Wilson spoke strongly, insisting upon a greater effort in the Sunday School work.

M. P. Matheny pointed out some abuses of lesson helps, urging a close study of the Bible being careful not to misuse helps. J. H. Farthing followed with some remarks.

Above report adopted

David Greene submitted the following:

Report as Colporter.

Received from former Colporter as follows:

Cash,	$30.82.
Books,	28.07.
Total,	$58.89.
Books on hand,	$21.71.
Cash on hand,	37.18
Total,	$58.89.
Amount of books bought,	$22.95.
" " " sold,	27.49.

DAVID GREENE,
Colporter.

Bro. Greene refusing to accept longer, D. C. Harmon moved to elect W. L. King of Banner Elk, N. C., colporter for the ensueing year.

Motion Carried.

E. F. Jones moved that the next session be held with Laurel Springs church beginning on Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August, 1900.

A motion prevailed to adjourn to 9 o'clock tomorrow morning, devoting one-half hour to devotional exercises.

Prayer by M. P. Matheny.

The Committee on Religious Exercises report M. P. Matheny to preach tomorrow at 11 a. m. E. F. Jones at 1 p. m.

The congregation rose and sang "Jesus Lover of My Soul"

Benediction by J. H. Farthing.

THURSDAY, AUGUST, 31.

MORNING SESSION.

E F. Jones led in a service of song.

J H. Farthing, after reading a scripture selection led in earnest prayer. A song "I love thee my Savior," Prayer by J. J. T. Reese.

E. F. Jones spoke to the congregation of the nature of prayer, said we ought not to pray as though God is far off, when in fact he is present.

At 9:30 a. m. the Moderator call the association to order for the transaction of business of the day. Minutes of Yesterday read and corrected. On motion the report on Foreign was called for. Wm. Elrod read the following:

Report on Foreign Missions.

When we speak of Foreign Missions, we do not mean the work at home, but the preaching of the gospel in foreign lands where they have been destitute of the bread of life until the last century, and even now the work is just begun for there are yet millions of lost

souls that have never heard the gospel. Paul says, "How can they hear without a preacher. and how can he preach except he be sent. Oh ! brethren let us not weary in this God given work as long as we hear our Lord saying: "Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel to every creature." Therefore we do entreat every brother and sister to do more for this work this year than they have done before.

LEWIS W. FARTHING,
WILLIAM ELROD.
Com.

By request M. P. Matheny spoke on the report, advocating the supremacy of the Holy Spirit through the local church in the evangelization of the world. E. F. Jones spoke of the principles of direct support of the missionay; said, if an individual or church desires to send money direct to the missionary on the field, why should any one object? Bro. Jones further insists that the people be sure to do something for missions, leaving the method to the selection of the individual. J. H. Farthing spoke of his love for the mission work and of the love of Christ for the world. Said substantially; the whole mission work is founded in love, and carried out in love. 'God so loved." Surely his people who love will bear the message of love to every creature.

David Green requests that we all remember our missionaries in prayer, daily.

J. H. Farthing suggests that the Association at this time offer prayer in behalf of the missionaries. By request of the Moderator, David Green led in earnest prayer.

D. C. Harmon suggests that the roll of churches be called, that the Messengers indicate what amount their churches will try to do for next year.

The following indicated:

Antioch,	$ 5 00
Bethel,	10.00
Beaver Dam,	25.00
Beech Mountain,	2.50
Brushy Fork,	10.00

Cove Creek,	25.00
Elk Valley,	1.00
Fall Creek,	2.00
Forest Grove,	10.00
Flat Top,	3.00
Howards Creek,	2.00
Meat Camp,	5.00
Mt. Calvary,	5.00
Mt. Gillead,	2.00
Pleasant Grove,	5.00
Pleasant Valley, (N. C.)	3.00
Shulls Mills,	2.00
Sampson,	.50
Three Forks,	25.00
Union	5.00
Zionville,	25.00

On motion, the report on Foreign Missions was adopted.

John Norris read the following:

Report on Temperance.

Temperance means moderation in all things good, and total abstinence from all things hurtful. But our obligations do not cease with following the above injunction, but to do all in our favor to suppress the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquors, by moral suasion and by the enforcement of all laws on the statute books of our land against said traffic.

Christian people have it in their power to remove this curse from the land by being true to themselves, their families, their country, their churches and their Lord.

May the Lord help us to do this.

JOHN NORRIS,
J. H. FARTHING,
Com.

John Norris spoke to the above report—pleading for total abstinence.

A motion prevailed to take a recess of one hour and a half to hear a sermon from M. P. Matheny.

The congregation assembled in the grove. A song —,'Cleansing Fountain".

After prayer Bro. Matheny read from memory John 1:6, 22, after which he announced as his text, "And the word was made flesh and dwelt among us," John 1; 14, dwelling upon our knowledge of God through Christ

After the sermon, by request of the Moderator a collection was taken for the benefit of the Baptist Orphanage, and received $4.54.

THURSDAY.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator called the Association to order at 1 p. m.

Wm. Elrod continued the discussion on temperance, followed by L. H. Greene, of Mitchell County Association, N. J. Phillips, of Holsten Association, giving some of his sad experience in life because of the use of liquor, strongly urging the people to have absolutely nothing to do with liquor. Said further, that he knows what it means to be driven from home by a drunken father when only six years old to find protection in a cold and uncharitable world.

After E. F. Jones and David Greene had spoken, the above report was adopted.

J. J. T. Reese read the following:

Report on Baptist Orphange.

The Lord be praised for giving us great and good men to establish, and by their means and prayers to perpetuate the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville.

Of the two things, only, that the Bible commands us to contribute to, the poor is one of them. The mission of the people of the Lord is to do good by lifting up the fallen and bringing people to Christ. The Orphanage is educating and christianizing the poor orphan children of our state, which enables them to procure good homes and renumerative positions, till they

are no longer a source of vice and expense to the state, but to the contrary a source of morality and wealth to the country. During the past year 204 orphans were cared for in the institution, the highest number present at any time in the history of the Orphanage.

There are about 175 present now, 44 of whom have been received within the year. During the year 37 have been discharged, 8 having attained the age of 16 and only one has died.

The Orphanage needs contributions in money, food and clothing.

A hail storm destroyed the vegetable crop and nearly all the wheat crop, only 37 bushels were saved out of the wreck.

We recommend that every church take at least one collection a year for the Orphanage.

J. I. WILSON,
J. J. T. REESE,
Committee.

Remarks by J. C. Horton, E. F. Jones and others.

Report adopted.

J. C. Horton of the Committee submitted the following:

Report on Pastoral Support.

In the matter of pastoral support we are sorry to find that for this year the churches of this Association have not made as good showing as was made last year. We believe that our Ministers who have the charge of churches are as a rule faithful in the discharge of their duties as pastors, and that they deserve a more generous support from the churches, believing that this would enable them to give more of their time and energies to preparation for—and performance of the duties of their high calling in the Master's service. We most earnestly urge that our church membership give this subject serious and prayerful consideration, and if they have failed in this respect let us resolve that we will do more for these faithful servants of our Lord this year than ever before,

confident that the cause will be advanced by increasing their opportunities and strengthening them by all needful help and support.

Respectfully submitted.

J. C. HORTON,
E J. NORRIS,
Com.

J. C. Horton spoke to the above report. followed by N. J. Phillips, M. P. Matheny and others.

Above report adopted.

Wm. Elrod read the

Report on Digest of Letters.

We, your committee on Digest of Letters beg leave to report that we find as follows:

Received by Baptism,	80
" " Letter,	82
Restored,	18
Dismissed by Letter,	105
Excluded.	60
Died,	29
Total Membership,	2583

There are four churches not represented in this report. Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM ELROD,
T. P. ADAMS.
Com.

Report adopted.

Correspondents to sister associations reported as follows.—J. H. Farthing visited Ashe & Alleghaney associations. Other brethren reported that they failed to attend, giving reasons. Reports received as satisfactory.

L. W. Farthing offered the following;

Report On Correspondents.

We your committee on Correspondents report the following brethren as correspondents:

Watauga Association.—Lewis W. Farthing, John Norris, W. M. Cannon, J. H. Farthing and J. F. Eller.

Caldwell County Association,— J. J. L. Sherwood, E. F. Jones and J. H. Farthing.

Stony Fork Association.—W. S. Farthing, L. C. Wilson, E. J. Norris, D. C. Harmon, David Greene and I. J. McGinnis.

Ashe Co. Association.—L. A. Wilson and E. F. Jones.

New River Association.—Wm. Elrod and David Green.

Mitchell Co. " —John Norris, G. W. Brown, W. J. Pottes and David Green.

Holsten Association.— J. J. T. Reese and E. F. Jones.

Brushy Mountain Association.—Wm. Elrod and J. C. Horton.

State Convention.—E. F. Jones and W. C. Coffey.

Southern Baptist Convention.— J. C. Horton, D. C. Harmon and W. S. Farthing. Respectfully submitted.

L. W. FARTHING,
JOHN WARD.
Com.

T. P. Adams, as treasurer, reports the following:

Treasurers Report.

Received at the Association, 1898:	
Minute fund,	$30,46
State Missions,	4.00
Home "	5.10
Gospel Missioner Blalock,	6.65
Orphanage,	13.40
Received since last Association:	
Gospel Mission (Blalock, China):	
From Forest Grove Church,	6.03
Pleasant Grove,	3.55
Meat Camp,	1.55
Union,	2.45
South Fork,	1.20
Amount on hand last year,	11.91
Total,	$86.27

DISBURSEMENTS.

Taid to J. E. White, (Cor. Secretary):

State Missions,.....$ 4.00
Home " 5.10
Paid Clerk of Association for services,..... 7 50
Paid to A. Johnson:
For Orphanage, postage and stamps,..... 15.40
To Edwards & Broughton, printing Min. 22 75
Postage and stamps on same,..... .05
Paid to J. D. Moore for Blalock, China,... 25.00
Postage and stamps on same,..... .09
Total amount paid out,..... 79.98
Leaving in my hands Aug. 18, 1899,..... 6.31

Respectfully submitted.

T. P. ADAMS,
Treasurer.

A motion prevailed to adopt above report.

E. J. Norris moved to retain T. P. Adams as Treasurer for the ensueing year.

A motion prevailed to appoint the Clerk to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and that he be allowed $7.50 for his services.

A. J. Gambill read the following:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your committee on Finance beg to submit the following statement of funds for different objects received by us:

Minute Fund - - - - - - - $29.14.
State Missions - - - - - - - 12.07.
Foreign Missions - - - - - - - .598.
Baptist Orphanage - - - - - - 24.79.
Sunday School Missions - - - - - - 70.

Total: $72.88.

Respectfully submitted,
J. J. T. REESE,
A. J. GAMBILL,
Com.

Report adopted.

Wm. Elrod read the following:

RESOLUTION.

Resolved:

That this body return its thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of this church and surrounding country for the noble way in which they have entertained the Association, and for the many acts of hospitality and generosity.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. ELROD,
J. C. SHULL,
Com.

The above Resolution adopted.

The Clerk states to the Association that he has had the unrecorded Minutes of the Association bound in book form, for which he makes no charge.

E. F. Jones move to extend thanks to the Clerk for the gift.

A motion prevailed that the committee, to collect means for Clark's Creek, take one collection during the year for Bethany church

J. C. Horton made a verbal report of his work as Historian, stating that he has gathered some interesting and important facts of associational and church history.

David Greene moved to retain J. C. Horton as historian for ensuing year.

W. C, Coffey, through a letter, asks that the order of the Association of 1883 concerning the Three Forks High School building, be so changed as to allow the property to to be disposed of as the property is becoming almost worthless, as a school building. E. S. Farthing moved that this association donate said school building and lot to Boone Baptist church; that said church may dispose of it in any way it may see proper. Motion carried.

J. C. Horton moved that the Chair appoint three Trustees to make such legal conveyance.

The following were appointed:

J. C. Horton, C. S. Farthing and E. F. Jones. The proceedings were read and approved.

E. F. Jones moved to adjourn. By request J. F. Eller conducted the closing exercise. D. C. Hrrmon led in prayer.

The Association rose and sang, "How firm a Foundation." During the singing the messengers extended to each other the parting hand.

Benediction by the Clerk.

SMITH HAGAMAN, Clerk. W. S. FARTHING, Moderator.

A spirit of devotion seemed to be a characteristic of the fifty-ninth session of this Association, especially was it manifest in the moruing exercises. It is the uprising of heart that this session may be to the glory of God in the extention of His Son's Kingdom.

CLERK.

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Bethel.	" "	W S Farthing	...	4	...	2	6	4	3	60	92	152	Fourth
Beaver Dam	" "	John Sherrill, ...	1	1	1	1	6	5	1	38	57	95	Second
Bethany	L C Wilson	H M Bumgarn... Elk	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	1	.....	6	12	18	" "
Beech Mt'n.	R L Palmer	L W McGuire, ...	2	6	3	3	3	10	1	58	81	139	First
*Boone		W L Bryan, Bo...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	11	15	.....
Brushy Fork	J J L Sherwood	J H Presnell, F...	2	12	2	2	5	4	2	85	102	187	First
Cove Creek	" "	J J Mast, Vila...	2	3	3	.....	6	.....	2	55	89	144	Third
Cool Springs	J M Payne	F L C Hartley ... Rock	2	1	4	.....	5	1	1	31	38	69	Fourth
Clarks Creek	C S Farthing	G W Rowe, Va...	.....	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	19	28	"
*Elk Knob		J M South, St...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	35	55	.....
Elk Valley	E M Cragg	A M Johnson, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	2	.....	18	37	55	First
Fall Creek	John Norris	Geo W Brown, ...	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	14	27	Second
Forest Grove	J F Eller	S Hagaman, S... r	3	.....	5	1	1	2	.....	31	47	78	Third
Flat Top	C S Farthing	W... Elrod, El... Bach	.....	.....	1	.....	5	2	.....	14	64	78	First
*Gap Creek		J B Hopkins, C...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	37	60	.....
Howards Creek	L C Wilson	E J Norris, Sa...	.....	3	4	1	1	.....	1	22	28	60	Fourth
Laurel Springs	L A Wilson	J J Brown, Vi...	3	5	4	1	1	4	2	56	100	156	"
Little Zion col.	R F Sherrer,	W N Little, Vi...	1	.....	.....	1	8	2	2	12	21	33	First
Meat Camp	L A Wilson	L A Greene, N...	1	4	2	1	6	.....	3	48	84	132	"
Mt. Calvary	L C Wilson	E F Chapel, B...	1	14	9	.....	3	1	1	21	34	55	Third
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Pleasant Grove	David Greene	C C Adams, Si...	.....	10	20	2	2	2	...	61	86	147	Fourth
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Shulls Mills	J M Payne	J C Shull, Shu...	.....	.....	2	.....	2	.....	.....	13	12	25	Third
Sampson	S L Fox	S E Harrison ...	1	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	31	38	69	Fourth
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Union	David Greene	H C Johnson, ...	.....	.....	2	.....	4	3	2	41	55	96	Third
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PROCEEDINGS.

TUESDAY—Morning Session.

Laurel Springs Baptist Church,
Watauga County, N. C.,
Tuesday, August 28, 1900.

The Three Forks Baptist Association met this day in its sixtieth annual session, with Laurel Springs church.

After a service of song in the grove near the church, conducted by L. C. Wilson, Wm. Lee, of Stony Forks Association, read the 2nd chapter of the Acts; after which the congregation was led in prayer by I. C. Miller. I. J. McGinnis being unable to preach because of sickness, I. C. Miller, of Stony Fork Association, preached the Annual Sermon from the 15th verse of the 16th chapter of Mark: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Prayer at closing, by Wm. Lee.

After an adjournment for one hour the messengers to the Association assembled in the house. A. Roten led in singing: "Have you heard the invitation," etc.

Prayer by E. J. Norris.

By request of the Moderator, letters from the churches were presented.

E. F. Jones and M. P. Matheny were appointed Reading Clerks, by whom the letters were read.

By request, G. W. Lee, from Stony Fork Association, repaired to the pulpit in the grove near the church and delivered a sermon.

E. F. Jones moved that M. P. Matheny cast the vote of the Association for the present officers of the Association, viz: W. S. Farthing, Moderator, and Smith Hagaman, Clerk.

The vote was cast accordingly.

D. C. Harmon moved to extend an invitation to correspondents and visitors from sister Associations.

The following-named visitors announced themselves:

M. P. Matheny, from Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association.
Wm. Lee, from Stony Fork Association.
R. H. Pipes, from Stony Fork Association.
Linzy Triplett, from Brushy Mountain Association.
A. B. Hall, from Brushy Mountain Association.
D. S. Lee, from Alleghany and Grayson Association.

Wm. Lee and R. H. Pipes also announced themselves as a committee bearing a request from the Stony Fork Association looking to a union of the Stony Fork and the Three Forks Associations. By request, the Clerk read the printed request of the Stony Fork Association as to a consolidation of the two Associations.

Lewis W. Farthing moved that the Moderator announce all necessary committees.

The following were announced:

Baptist Orphanage.—J. F. Eller and Asa Brown.
Temperance.—J. H. Farthing, R. W. Walker.
Pastoral Support.—J. C. Horton, Lewis W. Farthing.
Education.—D. D. Dougherty, Frank Jones, Jr.
Periodicals.—L. C. Wilson, E. J. Norris.
Foreign Missions.—David Greene, John McBride.
State Missions.—W. C. Coffey, E. F. Jones.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—George Roten, G. W. McGuyre.
HOME MISSIONS.—E. F. Jones, J. F. Eller.
CORRESPONDENCE.—John Norris, L. W. Farthing.
RESOLUTIONS.—D. C. Harmon, I. J. McGinnis.
FINANCE.—J. C. Brown, John Sherrill.
DIGEST OF LETTERS.—Wm. Elrod, T. P. Adams.
MINISTERS' RELIEF.—J. J. L. Sherwood, W. S. Farthing by request of J. J. L. Sherwood.
RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.—Pastor and messengers of Laurel Springs Church.

C. S. Farthing moved to adopt the Order of Business of last session —being the printed order for 1897.

E. F. Jones moved that the Chair appoint a committee to confer with the committee from Stony Fork Association as to a union of the two bodies.

After some discussion, motion carried.

E. F. Jones, David Greene and J. H. Farthing committee.

J. J. L. Sherwood moved that the report and the consideration of the report of the above committee be made a special order for 10 o'clock a. m., to-morrow.

Lewis W. Farthing moved that the request of Little Zion church for a letter of dismission, be granted. A motion prevailed to adjourn to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, and devote one-half hour to devotional exercises. Prayer by D. C. Harmon.

R. W. Walker announced homes of entertainment for the messengers.

M. P. Matheny makes announcement with regard to a book titled, "In His Steps," that he is giving with the *Southern Baptist* for six months for 50c.

The Committee on Religious Exercises make the partial report that J. J. L. Sherwood will preach in the grove to-morrow at 10.30 a. m. Doxology, led by L. C. Wilson.

Benediction by J. J. L. Sherwood.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

After a service of song, further devotional exercises were conducted by J. J. L. Sherwood; after the reading of the 103d Psalm, prayer by M. P. Matheny.

A number of brethren repeated precious promises, etc., of the Bible.

At 9.30 the Moderator called the Association to order. Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Roll of messengers called and absentees stricken out. I. C. Miller, D. W. Lee and G. C. Woodruff announced themselves as visitors from Stony Fork Association, and were welcomed to seats in the Association.

L. C. Wilson read the following

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The study of God's Word is a duty that devolves upon every Christian.

That the Lord's people know His will the Scripture must be studied—yea, even searched diligently.

The Bible is the revealed will of God to His people, and no Christian can discharge his duty and fail in the study of God's Word.

That home is a dark one that has not the Bible, neither can that

home be what it should, nor that Christian what he ought to be nor what is possible for him to be, without the light and influence of good religious literature.

A good sound Baptist paper is an extreme necessity of every home, and how thankful we should be that we live in a day and age not like the days of the fathers, when such blessings were unknown; but when we can have by the hundreds, and almost without price, such papers as the *Texas Baptist Standard, North Carolina Baptist, Southern Baptist, Skyland Baptist, Blue Ridge Baptist, Baptist Instructor, Charity and Children*, with the publications of the Southern and American Baptist Publication Societies for Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. WILSON,
E. J. NORRIS,
Committee.

D. C. Harmon moved to adopt the above report.

L. C. Wilson speaks with reference to the various publications recommended in the report.

M. P. Matheny makes announcements with regard to the *Southern Baptist*, etc.

Asa Brown adds some remarks.

Report adopted.

E. F. Jones read the following

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO CONFER WITH THE COMMITTEE FROM STONY FORK ASSOCIATION:

Your committee to confer with a committee from Stony Fork Association relative to uniting the Three Forks and Stony Fork Associations, would report the following: After a conference with our brethren from the Stony Fork Association, we recommend that we believe that the time has not yet come for a union of the two Associations, but would recommend that fraternal union and brotherly love, which has been so characteristic of the brethren of the two Associations, be continued, and that we mutually help each other in the good work which the Lord has assigned us.

Respectfully submitted,

E. F. JONES,
DAVID GREENE,
J. H. FARTHING,
Committee.

D. C. Harmon moved to adopt the report.

After remarks by E. F. Jones, motion carried.

C. S. Farthing, Associational Missionary, submits the following report:

The following is a list of work done and amount received for same, during last year:

Miles traveled	350
Sermons preached	40
Baptised	1
Received of Bethel Church	$3.00
Received of Beaver Dam	1.35
Received of Forest Grove	1.00
Total	5.35

After remarks by C. S. Farthing relative to his work as missionary above report adopted.

J. F. Spainhour announces himself as visitor from Catawba River Association.

C. L. Farthing moved to erase the appointing of a committee on the Support of Associational Missionary from the Order of Business.

After remarks by D. C. Harmon, E. F. Jones, John McBride and others, motion carried.

C. S. Farthing volunteers to supply Clarks Creek church for the ensuing year.

E. F. Jones moves that in lieu of appointing associational missionary, that the ministers of the Association be asked to indicate the amount of time each will give to associational missionary work for the ensuing year.

The following indicated: J. F. Eller, one week; J. H. Farthing, one week; D. C. Harmon, two weeks; I. J. McGinnis, ten days; E. F. Jones, 1 week.

Others agree to give what time they can. L. W. Farthing moved that a committee of one be appointed in each church to take one collection for the benefit of Clarks Creek and Bethany churches each, to aid in building their houses of worship.

L. C. Wilson spoke with reference of the needs of Bethany church.

The following were appointed:

Antioch, L. W. Farthing; *Bethel*, Lewis W. Farthing; *Beaver Dam*, G. P. Sherrill; *Beech Mountain*, G. W. McGuyre; *Boone*, W. C. Coffey; *Brushy Fork*, J. L. Hayse; *Cove Creek*, John McBride; *Cool Springs*, T. L. C. Hartley; *Elk Knob*, J. M. South; *Elk Valley*, Alfred Johnson; *Fall Creek*, G. W. Brown; *Forest Grove*, S. Hagaman; *Flat Top*, Wm. Elrod; *Gap Creek*, A. J. Welborn; *Howards Creek*, E. J. Norris; *Laurel Springs*, R. W. Walker; *Meat Camp*, Manley Greene; *Mt. Calvary*, B. F. Patterson; *Mt. Gilead*, John Meadows; *Mt. Lebanon*, L. H. Trivett; *Pleasant Grove*, J. H. Mast; *South Fork*, Newton Howell; *Shulls Mills*, J. C. Shull; *Sampson*, W. N. Storie; *Three Forks*, Thomas Vandike; *Union*, Martin Warren; *Zion Hill*, Andrew Harmon; *Zionville*, George Roten.

Frank Jones, of the committee, read the following

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education to us is a subject of great importance. It is the means of the development of the rising generation, and fitting our minds for usefulness.

We as Baptists believe that it should begin first at home, and therefore we urge our people to make the best possible use of our public schools by patronizing them, and aiding in making them more efficient.

Our public schools offer but a primary education, and still there are destitute children, who are unable to avail themselves of these opportunities.

And we think the churches of this Association would be doing a noble work to aid them.

We are delighted with the number of our worthy institutions.

We endorse the Blue Ridge Institute and the Lenoir High School, as our denominational schools, within reach of our boys and girls.

Wake Forest College continues to merit the patronage and esteem of our people, and we insist upon more of our young men receiving its Christian instruction.

The Baptist Female University has closed its first year's work very satisfactory, and is one of the best and cheapest institutions in the State for the training of young ladies.

We would not fail to say that Watauga Academy is doing some excellent work just now. Those desiring a good practical education

are solicited to avail themselves of the advantages which this institution offers.

The training given at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is submitted to our pastors as worthy of their prayerful consideration. And we trust that they will endeavor to attend the institution that they may be more fully prepared to lead our people.

Respectfully submitted,

D. D. DOUGHERTY,
FRANK JONES,
Committee.

L. W. Farthing moved that the above report be adopted. D. C. Harmon moved to amend by striking out that part of the report which refers to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. M. P. Matheny spoke in favor of the motion to amend. Motion to amend carried.

D. D. Dougherty spoke with reference to Watauga Academy.

D. S. Lee spoke in behalf of Blue Ridge Institute, of Wilkesboro, N. C., also distributed announcements of said Institute.

M. P. Matheny spoke in behalf of general education. Report on education as amended adopted.

A motion prevailed to suspend the Order of Business, and take a collection for the benefit of Leroy Triplet and George Triplet, life cripples. Amount of collection for the above object $3,99.

A motion prevailed to adjourn for one hour.

WEDNESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

After a recess of one hour, the Association assembled to the singing of "On the solid rock I am building," etc.

W. C. Coffey, of the committee, read the following

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The command, "Go ye into all the world and preach," was an insentive to our forefathers to give the gospel to all people throughout our State. We are now building on this foundation. There are over one hundred missionaries who were appointed by the State Mission Board, preaching in many destitute places in the State. Among these are some of the most successful and consecrated preachers in the State. They have been greatly prospered by the Lord. If the Board had the means they could send the gospel to many more destitute places in the State. This is foundation work. It aids all other departments. From it comes largely our pastors and our missionaries.

We recommend that all of our churches undertake to do more for State and Associational Missions than ever before in their history. Our Lord's command to give the gospel to every creature, should certainly stimulate and guide us in giving the gospel to the people in the destitute part of our State.

W. C. COFFEY,
E. F. JONES,
Committee.

E. F. Jones spoke to the above report, especially with regard to the *nature* of the work in the State.

Report adopted.

E. F. Jones submits the following

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission work of the Southern Baptist Convention has five departments, viz: To give the gospel to the colored people within its bounds, also the foreign population; to the Indians; to our own people, and also in Cuba. There appears to be a wide-open door among all these people, and especially among the Cubans.

Let us help in the glorious work as we have opportunity. Let us help with our contributions and prayers.

E. F. JONES,
J. F. ELLER,
Committee.

Above report adopted without discussion.

M. P. Matheny read the

REPORT ON OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF.

God puts his servants into the ministry and puts the responsibility upon the churches to support them. When one of tnese servants wears himself out in the Lord's work his people should take care of them.

There is an effort among our people to make provision for such, and our people should make contributions in this interest.

Send contributions to J. D. Boushall, Raleigh, N. C., for the old and worn-out ministers.

J. J. L. SHERWOOD,
Chiarman Committee.

Report adopted.

George Roten, of the committee, submits the following

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We are happy to say that the Sunday School work is on the increase.

There is a good work being done and yet there remains a great deal to be done.

We do not believe there is any work, save the preaching of the gospel, that is of such vital importance to the prosperity of the churches as the Sunday School. Its influence for good has been felt and realized all over the land.

This body would, therefore, insist upon the different churches to put forth stronger efforts to enlist the children in the Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE ROTEN,
G. W. MCGUIRE,
Committee.

G. W. McGuire spoke to the above report.

Report adopted.

David Greene states to the Association that W. D. King, who was appointed Colporter by the Association for last year, failed to receive the books and money, and enter upon his duties as such. Brother Greene further states that he has on hand the moneys and books belonging to the Association; and on motion, further submits the following report:

Books on hand	$19.23
Cash on hand	39.66
Total	58.89

DAVID GREENE,
Acting Colporter.

C. S. Farthing moved that W. C. Coffey act as Depository Agent for the Association to take charge of the books and moneys belonging to the Association.

R. W. Walker, of the committee, read the following

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Intemperanee—what is it? Ask the mother, ask the orphan, they will tell you. Go to the drunkard's grave, it will echo the sad and woeful tale: I began a moderate drinker, now hell is telling my woes. Oh, brethren! let us wake to a double diligence of our duty, and fight the grim monster evil upon all occasions. Let us work and pray with renewed energy, believing that a kind Providence will smile upon our labors, and crown our efforts with success.

R. W. WALKER,
J. H. FARTHING,
Committee.

David Greene spoke in favor of total abstinence as the only safe attitude toward intemperance.

D. C. Harmon spoke of his sad experience and observations with regard to the curses of intemperance.

E. F. Jones spoke of our *personal* responsibility; also urging that Christian people support only men who favor temperance, to make our laws.

J. F. Spainhour spoke of ways and means of manufacturing sentiment against drunkenness; said that the way to have sober men is to train our boys to be sober. John Norris added some remarks.

Above report adopted.

M. P. Matheny read the following

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

God has prospered the work of the missionaries among the heathen as never before. We have special reasons for gratitude to God for his deliverance of all our missionaries in China from the "Boxers," most of whom have been heard from. The gospel missionaries who were far in the interior have all been brought to the coast, and Brethren Royal, King, Herring and Hudson, with their families, are now in this country, while Brother and Sister Blaylock are in the island of Corea. The remainder are in the coast towns of China. They have all lost all their possessions by the Boxers, and are scattered in many places, and need our sympathy and help as they did not before.

Let us take a thank offering to God at our next meeting for Brother and Sister Blaylock, and forward it to Bro. J. D. Moore, of Gastonia, who will keep advised as to where they are.

Let us not be discouraged on account of the uprising of the Boxers in China, because God will overturn all these things for the establishment of His kingdom.

DAVID GREENE,
JOHN MCBRIDE,
Committee.

David Greene spoke to the above report—spoke of his increased interest in the work, especially the work in China.

M. P. Matheny thinks that the present uprising in China is a hopeful sign of God's moving among the heathen; also giving incidents of suffering of the missionaries in these perilous times in China.

E. F. Jones thinks it providential that England and the United

States—Christian nations—are so prominently engaged in the war with China.

The above report adopted.

J. C. Brown submits the following

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to submit the following statement of funds for different objects received by us:

Minute fund	$29.04
State missions	4.06
Orphanage	8.71
Foreign missions	13.65
Home missions	1.00
Bethany Church	1.40
Total	57.86

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. BROWN,
JOHN SHERRILL,
Committee.

Report adopted.

A motion prevailed to adjourn to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by J. F. Eller.

The congregation rose and sang, "Jesus, lover of my soul," etc.

Benediction by John Norris.

The Committee on Religious Exercises report that E. F. Jones will preach in the grove to-morrow at 10.30 a. m.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

E. F. Jones led the Association in singing "Jesus lover of my soul."

J. H. Farthing read the 122d Psalm; after commenting on the same led in prayer.

After singing and prayer the Moderator called the Association to order at 9.40 a. m., for the transaction of the business of the day.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

T. C. Land announces himself as a visitor from Brushy Mountain Association.

M. P. Matheny read for the committee the following

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The Lord says: "The poor ye have with you always, and ye may do them good whensoever ye will."

"Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and keep yourselves unspotted from the world." There are about 200 of the Lord's poor at Thomasville, and it is a great privilege to do unto one of these little ones as we would do unto our Lord if He was here and in need.

J. F. ELLER,
ASA BROWN,
Committee.

Lewis W. Farthing moved to adopt the above report.

M. P. Matheny spoke to the above report at some length.

Report adopted.

Wm. Elrod read the following

REPORT ON DIGEST OF LETTERS.

We, your Committee on Digest of Letters, beg leave to report that we find as follows:

Received by baptism	109
Received by letter	58
Restored	24
Dismissed by letter	78
Excluded	70
Died	25
Net loss	9
Number of males	1,058
Number of females	1,519
Total number members	2,577
Minute fund	$24.89
Pastors' Salaries	759.28
Value of churches	6,810.00
Incidental expenses	118.40
Ministers' relief	7.00
Poor	30.35
Repairs	107.50
State missions	12.45
Association missions	24.34
Home missions	20.55
Foreign missions	151.22
Education	5.67
Sunday school missions	2.01
Orphanage	26.54
Houses of worship	21.50
Total church expenses	1,373.16

This report is for only 26 churches. All the letters that came into our hands to our knowledge.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. ELROD,
T. F. ADAMS,
Committee.

After remarks by various brethren, the above report was adopted.

Correspondents appointed for last year to visit sister Associations were called upon to make their reports.

The following reported:

Lewis W. Farthing, J. H. Farthing and J. F. Eller visited Watauga Association.

G. W. Brown and John Norris visited Mitchell County Association.

E. J. Norris and David Greene visited Stony Fork Association.

W. S. Farthing attended Stony Fork and Watauga Association.

D. C. Harmon visited Stony Fork Association.

On motion, the above reports were received as satisfactory.

L. W. Farthing read the following

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Your Committee on Correspondence report the following brethren as correspondents, viz:

To Southern Baptist Convention: C. S. Farthing and Wm. Elrod.

To State Convention: W. C. Coffey and Lewis W. Farthing.

To Brushy Mountain Association: Solomon Greene and J. C. Horton.

To Holsten Association: L. C. Wilson and E. F. Jones.

To Mitchell County Association: B. F. Patterson, Isaac McGinnis, Wiseman Greene and E. J. Norris.

To New River Association: Thomas Tugman, David Greene and Sidney Carrell.

To Ashe County Association: Asa Brown, J. H. Farthing, Wm. Elrod, J. F. Eller, W. S. Farthing and S. Carrell.

To Stony Fork Association: D. C. Harmon, C. S. Farthing, J. F. Eller, David Greene, J. H. Farthing, Wiseman Greene and T. P. Adams.

To Caldwell Association: J. J. L. Sherwood, J. C. Horton and J. M. Payne.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN NORRIS,
L. W. FARTHING,
Committee.

Above report adopted.

T. P. Adams presents the following

REPORT AS TREASURER.

Received at the Association, 1899:	
Minute fund	$29.14
State missions	12.07
Foreign missions	5.98
Sunday School missions	70
Orphanage	29.53
Object not stated	80
Received since last Association. Gospel Mission money (Blalock, China):	
From Shulls Mills church	70
From Bethel church	2.85
From Forest Grove church	11.03
From Pleasant Grove church	5.76
From Union church	3.72
From South Fork church	1.65
For Associational Missions:	
Cove Creek church	3.60
Pleasant Grove church	2.05
Amount on hand last year	6.31
Total	115.89

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Clerk of Association for services	$7.50
Paid for printing minutes	21.64
Paid John E. White, State missions	12.05
Foreign missions	5.96
Sunday School missions	70
Paid A. Johnson, for Orphanage	29.49
Paid J. D. Moore, for Blalock, China	27.66
Postage and stamps on above amounts	16
Paid C. S. Farthing for Clarks Creek church	5.65
Total	110.81

Leaving in my hands $5.08.

Respectfully submitted,

T. P. ADAMS,
Treasurer of Association.

Report adopted.

David Greene moved that T. P. Adams be continued as Treasurer for the ensuing year.

E. J. Norris moved that the next session of this Association be held with Bethel Church, to begin on Tuesday after 4th Sunday in August, 1901.

J. M. Payne to preach the Annual Sermon, with D. C. Harmon Alternate.

Wm. Elrod moved to appoint the Clerk to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, and that he be allowed $7.50 for his services.

M. P. Matheny read for the committee the following

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, many churches and individuals in the bounds of the Three Forks Association contributed to the erection of a school building in Boone some years ago; and whereas, an effort is now being made by some of our brethren to establish a good school in Boone, where our boys and girls may be educated; and whereas, the property was turned over to the Boone Baptist church on last session: therefore

Resolved, 1. That it is the sense of this body that the above-mentioned property should be turned over to the proprietors of the new school to be prepared and used as dormitories for boys at a small rent.

After considerable discussion the above resolution was adopted.

Resolved, 2. That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to this church and the good people of this community for their generous hospitality and unfailing kindness to us during our stay among them.

D. C. HARMON,
I. J. MCGINNIS.
Committee.

Second resolution adopted without discussion.

J. C. Horton offered the following report on

PASTORAL SUPPORT.

Comparing reports from the various churches composing the Association, with statistics of last year, it seems that a slight increase is shown in amounts contributed by the churches for the support of their pastors.

While it is gratifying to note this fact we think that all the churches still fall far short in giving to their pastors the generous support that is due them, and that they must have in order that they may give to the churches the effective service necessary to extend and develop their work to the fullest possible extent.

We earnestly recommend to the various churches that they adopt a system of collecting and making monthly payments to their pastors, believing that they will find it most satisfactory both to members and pastors.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

J. C. HORTON,
LEWIS W. FARTHING,
Committee.

J. C. Horton adds some remarks relative to the report. D. D. Dougherty and Lewis W. Farthing also spoke urging the churches to give our pastors more liberal support.

George Roten spoke of the need of willingness upon the part of the churches being a greater hindrance than any lack of means.

Further remarks by John Norris and Wm. Elrod.

Report adopted.

Proceedings of to-day read and approved.

D. C. Harmon moved to adjourn to meet at time and place appointed.

Remarks by the Moderator.

By request, D. C. Harmon conducted the closing exercises. M. P. Matheny led in the closing prayer of thanksgiving and petition for guidance and blessings during the coming year.

D. C. Harmon makes remarks relative to the changing affairs of life. Also expressing his thanks for the love and kindness of the brethren to him as a man of a former generation living with this—another.

C. S. Farthing led in singing, "How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord," etc.

The messengers extended to each other the parting hand.

Benediction by J. H. Farthing.

W. S. FARTHING,
Moderator.

SMITH HAGAMAN,
Clerk.

LIST OF MESSENGERS.

Antioch—L. W. Farthing.
Bethel—Lewis W. Farthing, J. L. Gryder and W. S. Farthing.
Beaver Dam—Lee Swift, Frank Jones and John Sherrill.
Bethany—L. G. Mikeal, H. M. Bumgarner and G. F. Mikeal.
Beech Mountain—G. W. McGuire, Roby Greene and W. C. Church.
Boone—W. C. Coffey, D. D. Dougherty.
Brushy Fork—Tilman Adams and J. H. Presnell.
Cove Creek—D. F. Horton, John McBride, T. P. Adams.
Cool Springs—T. L. C. Hartley.
Clarks Creek—G. W. Rowe.
Elk Knob—Thomas Martin.
Elk Valley—A. M. Johnson, Richard Cannon.
Fall Creek—J. R. Gryder, Joel Evans, G. W. Brown.
Forest Grove—Wm. Eller, Smith Hagaman.
Flat Top—Wm. Elrod, Andrew Cornish.
Gap Creek—G. W. Smith, A. J. Welborn.
Howards Creek—James Cornells, E. J. Norris, B. R. Brown.
Laurel Springs—R. W. Walker, L. B. McNeil, Elzy Phillips.
Little Zion, (col.)—Letter, but no messenger.
Meat Camp—Thomas J. Tugman, J. G. Greene, Manley Greene.
Mt. Calvary—John Blair, B. F. Patterson.
Mt. Gilead—A. J. Tester.
Mt. Lebanon—E. L. Hermon.
Pleasant Grove—J. H. Mast, E. H. Perry.
South Fork—J. I. Wilson, W. N. Howell.
Shulls Mills—J. C. Shull.
Three Forks—J. C. Brown, J. C. Horton.
Union—Thomas Warren, J. G. Norris.
Zionville—George Roten, L. D. Eggers, Henry Grogan.
Zion Hill—A. J. Harmon, Jr.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Clerks and Post-offices.	Ordained Ministers.	Added. Baptism	Added. Letter.	Added. Restored	Lost. Letter.	Lost. Excluded.	Lost. Deaths.	Membership. Males.	Membership. Females.	Membership. Total.	Time of Preaching.	Value of Church Property.	Seating Capacity.
Antioch	J. H. Farthing	John Ward, Watauga Falls	----	--	3	2	1		--	66	72	138	First	$800	500
Bethel	J. F. Eller	W. S. Farthing, Hattie	5	4	5	1	8	1	--	60	93	153	Fourth	500	350
Beaver Dam	J. H. Farthing	John Sherrill, Reese	1	4	----	1	----	2	1	38	61	99	Second	400	250
Bethany	L. C. Wilson	H. M. Bumgarner, Banner Elk	----		----	1	1	1	---	6	11	17	Second	---	---
Beech Mountain	R. L. Palmer	L. W. McGuire, Dark Ridge	1	12	--	6	6	10	2	56	83	139	First	250	300
Boone	E. F. Jones	W. L. Bryan, Boone	--	--	3					5	12	17	Third	---	----
Brushy Fork	David Greene	J. H. Presnell, Hagaman	2	10	---	1	12	5		82	98	180	Second	500	---
Cove Creek	E. F. Jones	W. M. Sherwood, Yerger	2	2	--	--	1	3	1	54	84	138	Third	-	----
Cool Springs	J. M. Payne	T. L. C. Hartley Blowing Rock	1	10	3	--	8	1	1	31	41	72	Fourth	200	200
Clark's Creek	C. S. Farthing	G. W. Rowe, Valle Crucis	---	1	---	--	--	--	1	9	19	28	Fourth	60	----
Elk Knob	L. A. Wilson	J. M. South, Sutherland	2	-	---	---	--	8	--	16	42	58	Third	200	----
Elk Valley	E. M. Gragg	A. M. Johnson, Hale	---	--	3	--	--	1	-	18	39	57	First	-----	----
Fall Creek	I. J. McGinnis	J. R. Gryder, Dark Ridge	1		8				1	15	20	35	Second	-----	----
Forest Grove	J. F. Eller	Smith Hagaman, Sweet Water	3	16	3	2	2	2	1	36	62	98	Third	450	250
Flat Top	C. S. Farthing	Wm. Elrod, Blowing Rock	---	--	7	---	--	---	2	17	65	82	First	100	200
Gap Creek	P. H. Haire	A. J. Welborn, Stony Fork	---	--		--	5	1	--	19	33	52	First		---
Howard's Creek	L. C. Wilson	E. J. Norris, Sands	---		2	---	1		---	23	41	64	Fourth		----
Laurel Springs	L. A. Wilson	J. J. Brown, Virgil	3	10	--	1	2	1	1	60	104	164	Fourth	800	400
Little Zion (col.)	R. F. Sherrar	S. W. Thompson, Sweet Water	1					4	1	13	19	32	First		-- -
Meat Camp	L. A. Wilson	L. A. Greene, Norris	1		2		3	5	5	42	79	121	First	150	----
Mt. Calvary	L. C. Wilson	E. F. Chapell, Banner's Elk	1	1	4	1	4	--		24	35	59	Third	-----	----
Mt Gilead	J. F. Eller	J. W. Meadows, Norris, Tenn	---	1	1	1	11	7	1	30	40	70	Second		---
Mt. Lebanon	G. W. Trivett	Noah Isaacs, Hagaman	--	7	7	2	8	8	--	19	22	41	First	300	200
Pleasant Grove	David Greene	E. H. Perry, Silverstone	---	5		--	2	2	.	60	85	145	Fourth	300	300
Pleasant Valley, N C *		H. N. Oaks, Shell Creek, Tenn	---	--	--	-	--		--	19	41	60	Fourth	-----	----
Pleasant Valley, Tenn*		John F. Reese, Dowel, Tenn	---	---	--	--				3	16	19	----	-----	----
South Fork	E. F. Jones	I. E. Duncan, Todd	---	--	--	---	1		1	47	70	117	Second	-----	----
Shull's Mills	J. M. Payne	J. C. Shull, Shull's Mills	--	--	--	---	1	.	2	12	13	25	Third	400	500
Sampson*		S. E. Harrison, Penly	---		--		--	.	---	31	38	69	Fourth	-----	----
Three Forks	J. J. L. Sherwood	W. T. Vandyke, Bamboo	-	3	---	1	16	7	3	62	85	14	Second	500	400
Union	David Greene	H. C. Johnson, Mabel		2	3		3	--	1	40	59	99	Third	350	----
Zionville	E. F. Jones	D. L. Jenkins Trade Tenn	1	7	2	1	1	--	1	61	91	152	Fourth	500	400
Zion Hill	J. W. Trivett	A. J. Harmon, Leander	2	5	2		4	2	---	39	32	71	Second	-----	----
			27	100	58	21	101	71	26	1,113	1,705	2,818			

* Statistics of last year.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund	State Missions.	Foreign Missions	Home Missions.	Associational Missions.	Baptist Orphanage.	Incidental Expenses	Building and Repairs.	Paid Pastor.	Other Objects.	Poor.	Ministers' Relief.	House of Worship.	Education.	Sunday School Missions.	Total.
Antioch	$1.25						$5.00		$25.00							$31.25
Bethel	2.25	$7.00	$10.85	$5.00	$3.00	$10.00	6.75		45.00	$15.24		$3.00	$3.00			109.34
Beaver Dam	1.10		27.92	5.98	1.35	2.55	1.00	$1.00	65.00				.97			106.87
Bethany	.50							80.00	20.00							100.50
Beech Mountain	1.25		2.50				1.00		14.57							19.32
Boone	1.00	2.40	2.06	2.06	3.08	2.91				54.00						66.51
Brushy Fork	1.25		2.30			1.75			17.79			4.00	1.57			28.66
Cove Creek	1.50		33.30				6.35	1.50	52.91				3.00			92.66
Cool Springs	.85		1.05						18.00	.80						20.70
Clark's Creek	.55						.20	25.00			7.00					32.75
Elk Knob	.50															.50
Elk Valley	.75		1.00													1.75
Fall Creek	.75		2.00						10.00							12.75
Forest Grove	1.05		11.03		1.00	1.37	1.200		25.00	7.00			7.35			65.80
Flat Top	.90	1.00			1.52				25.00							28.42
Gap Creek	.75	2.01				1.61	8.07			15.25						28.32
Howard's Creek	.75		1.40					21.00	20.00							43.15
Laurel Springs	1.45	2.05					13.00		35.00		5.00		1.50			58.00
Little Zion (col)	.50								25.00							25.50
Meat Camp	1.00		.95			1.50	15.00		30.00		2.35					50.80
Mt Calvary	.75		5.00						40.00				6.04			51.79
Mt Gilead	.60								20.00							20.60
Mt Lebanon	.75			1.00		1.00	.85								.73	4.33
Pleasant Grove	1.00		5.76						29.00				2.05			37.81
South Fork	1.00		1.65						25.00							26.65
Shull's Mills	.75								12.00				.50			13.25
Three Forks	2.00		25.00			2.85	10.00		80.00							119.85
Union	.64			6.01			.25		18.05		6.40			4.67		35.87
Zionville	1.10		23.15		2.05		25.00		75.00		10.00					136.30
Zion Hill	.50															.50
	29.04	14.46	156.92	20.55	12.00	25.54	105.10	128.50	727.32	92.29	30.75	7.00	26.58	4.67	.73	1,370.50

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST-OFFICES.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No Scholars.	School Expenses.	No Quarterlies and Papers.	Volumes in Library.	Orphanage.	Baptisms from Sund'y School.
Antioch	W. J. Farthing and W. H. Glenn, Watauga Falls	10	75	.70				
Bethel	L W. Farthing and H. H. Green, Sweet Water and	14	120	$10.35	114	118	$6.75	4
Beaver Dam	John Sherrill. Reese [Leander	8	65	5.00	60	50		3
Bethany	L. J. Mikeal. Banner's Elk	4	49	1.19	10			
Beech Mountain	W. H. Austin, Dark Ridge	6	45	.94	45			
Boone	D. D. Dougherty, Boone	4	25	4.00	30		17.50	
Brushy Fork	J. E. Hayes, Hagaman	4	43	5.28				
Cove Creek	W. M. Sherwood, Yerger	10	64	5.81	360			1
Cool Springs	J. M. Elrod, Blowing Rock	5	45	1.55	81			
Clark's Creek	G. W. Byrd, Valle Crucis	5	40	1.45	40			1
Elk Valley	R. F. Marshall, Hale	5	50		30			
Fall Creek	W. M. Cannon, Dark Ridge	4	40					
Forest Grove	Smith Hagaman, Sweet Water	6	66	2.50	51			11
Flat Top	Wm. Elrod, Blowing Rock	5	32	2.50	35			
Howard's Creek	E. J Norris, Sands	4	55	.52				
Laurel Springs	Solomon Greene, Virgil	7	75	2.85	115			
Little Zion (col)	J. T. Mathis, Sugar Grove	5	35	2.05	28			
Meat Camp	Manly Greene, Norris	5	48					
Mt. Calvary	J. C. Chapell, Banner's Elk	10	93		66		3.53	
Mt. Gilead	G. W. Younce, Beech reek	4	40					
Mt Lebanon	Powell E. Herman, Hagaman	7	65	2.17	45			
Pleasant Grove	J. H. Mast, Mast	8	64	3.58	30			
South Fork		4	45	3.00				
Three Forks	C. J. Cottrell, Deerfield	8	50	4.62	50			
Union	Solomon Younce, Zionville	7	80	1.00		50		
Zionville	George Roten, Trade, Tenn	9	90	5.00	75			7
		168	1.499	$76.06	1.265	218	$27.78	27